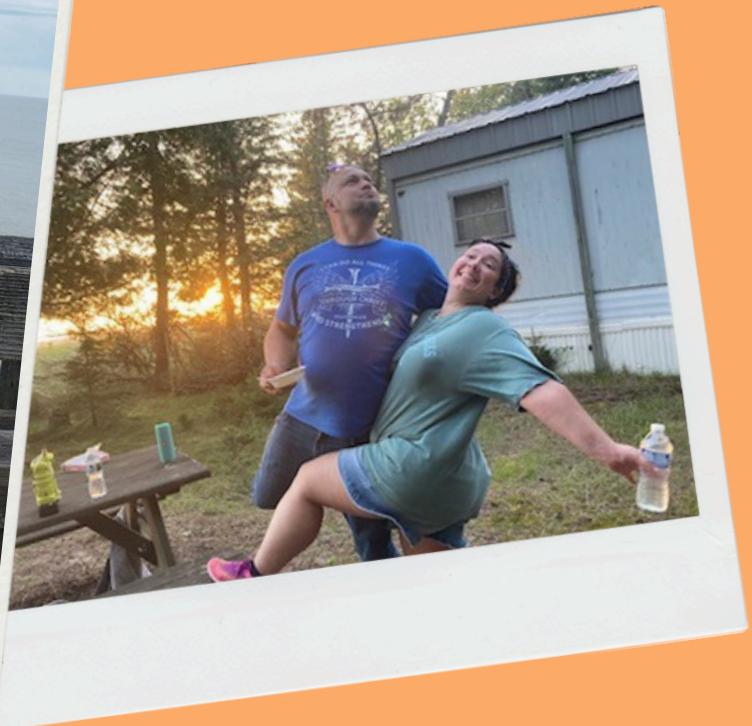




Rick

&

Nikki



In a world that judges everyone for everything, we want you to know we are praying for you and whatever decision you make. You are at a difficult crossroad, and everyone has an opinion on what you should do next. The decision is up to you and God alone. The only thing you might know right now is that you want to do the best for you and your baby. Please take your time and pray on everything.

We are Rick and Nikki. We came to faith as a couple after our 1-year anniversary. We knew something was missing in our lives and knew that something was God. God is now the center of our marriage. We believe through Him, all challenges can be overcome. He has shown us through our own trials that He is with us. From divorced parents, to family addictions, to our own miscarriages, He has helped show us how we are stronger with Him than the circumstances we are in without Him. Because we have come to know this, we would show our future child this as well.

In addition to raising our future child to follow Christ, we are excited to teach him or her what we believe are important skills, such as fixing cars(don't worry, it won't be in a sweat shop kind of way), cooking and health. We love being silly because life is pretty stressful and we would want our child to have a fun time filled with goofy memories.

If you'd like to see some of the silliness and more that your child could experience(and you if you'd like), we welcome you to take a sneak peek.

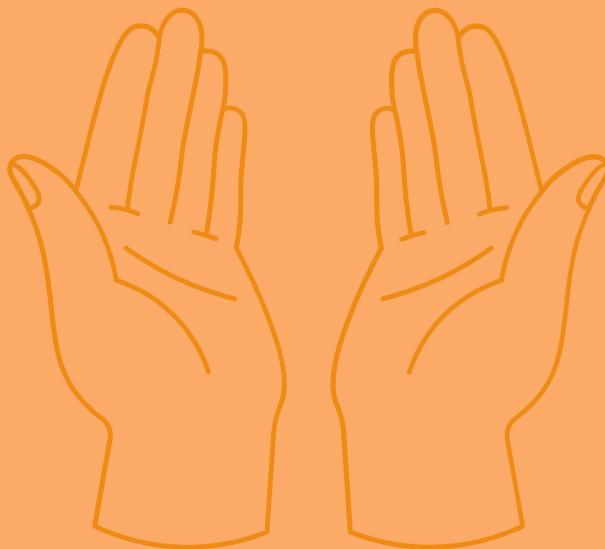
With love and blessings,
Rick & Nikki

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for watching over this expectant mother during this stressful and scary period in her life, and for putting adoption in her heart. Please continue to guide her through this difficult time and to find peace not just today but every day to come. Continue keeping her safe and healthy throughout this pregnancy and beyond. Help her to trust that you are by her side every step of the way and that she is loved.

In your Son's Holy Name, we pray these things to you.

Amen





Mini Golf !!



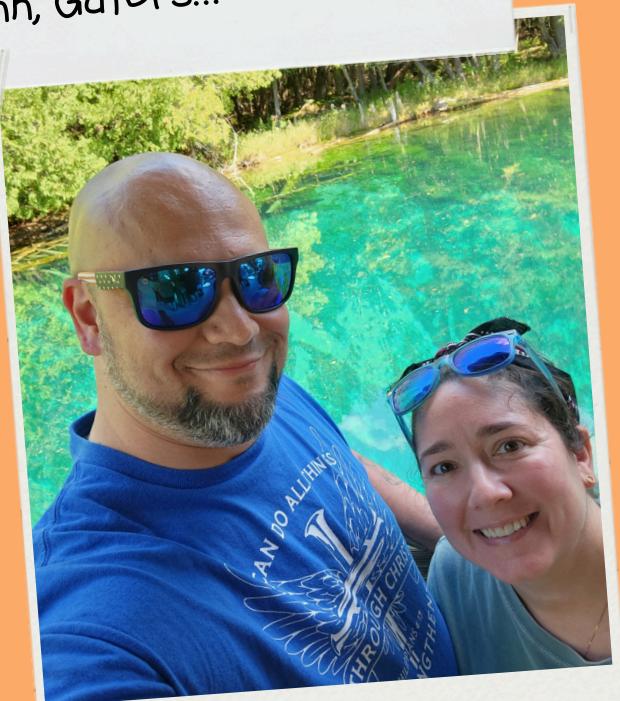
More Mini Golf!!



Ahh, Gators!!!



Drag Races



Michigan Waters

About Nikki and Rick

As Rick likes to say, "I found my wife the same way I find everything else. Online!" Rick and Nikki started talking to each other on a dating app in May 2021. By the end of the first week chatting, Rick and Nikki made plans to meet up on their first date at a coffee shop. Rick showed up in a button-up shirt and jeans ready to impress. Nikki showed up in an oversized T-shirt to memorialize fallen soldiers (it was Memorial Day) and jeans. Nikki decided that it was more important to wear a Memorial Day shirt than dress up and if this stranger couldn't understand that, then he wasn't the one for her (though she did feel a little bad when she saw how much effort Rick put into his outfit). She told Rick she didn't dress up but wore the shirt for fallen soldiers because she lost her uncle while he was serving in the military. Rick completely understood and loved that Nikki dressed true to herself.

While the conversation was going really well, some actions were not. It was a chilly day and Rick offered to get an extra jacket out of his truck for Nikki but never got it. He also asked Nikki if she wanted another tea on his way back from the restroom, but the tea never came. Some might say those were red flags and others might say he was nervous. Nikki believed it was because he was nervous and since the conversation went so well it wasn't a big deal. Nikki knew that if Rick asked her to go out again that they would one day marry. And marry they did in August 2022 on Nikki's family property in Michigan. Their family and closest friends made the 7-hour trip for the BBQ style picnic wedding. Rick and Nikki know when and how to be serious but spend most of their days being goofy, trying to make each other laugh with silly faces, noises and dances.



Cook out at the forest preserve



Being silly while Mini Golfing



Yup, Mini Golfing



Boating on the Chain of Lakes

About Rick

Work: Construction Manager for a major telecommunications and infrastructure company

Hobbies: Motorcycles, Singing, Lego, Puzzles, Cooking, Baking, Fixing things

Favorite food: Korean food, Anything with noodles

Favorite shows: Friends, How I met Your Mother, How it's Made

Favorite Music: Contemporary Christian, Electronic Dance Music, Most music from the 80's/90's, Country

About Nikki

Work: Registered Behavior Technician for children with autism and Acupuncturist specializing in women's health

Hobbies: hiking, roller skating, crocheting, diamond art painting(colored rhinestones meets paint by number)

Favorite food: Rick's tacos and his cheesecake

Favorite shows: Gray's Anatomy, Worst Cooks in America, Love is Blind

Favorite Music: Classic rock from the 60's-80's, Disco, Motown and Country



Monster Trucks



Mini Golfing with goats



Mini Golf in Myrtle Beach



Demolition Derby

What Nikki loves about Rick

I love that if I or someone else is having a hard day, Rick asks how the person is and how he can help. He's always trying to help. He takes his time to explain things and doesn't get frustrated. He's fun whether it's goofy faces, silly noises, ridiculous dance moves, or plans to go find something new to do. He cooks and bakes amazingly well and he's super handy fixing things around the home and with cars. He has seemingly random knowledge that blows me away. I thank God for bringing Rick into my life and showing me true love doesn't have lies, manipulation and cheating. I pray that we will continue to be blessed together!

What Rick loves about Nikki

What I love about Nikki is that she is kind, gentle, compassionate, and not afraid to get her hands dirty. She is someone that I can be my true self around. I have always thought that I had to pretend to be someone that other people liked, but with Nikki I can be my goofy self and show how I truly feel, and she will embrace it! I look forward to everyday I get to wake up next to her and thank the Lord every evening for keeping us safe so we can be together again.



Christmas!!!



Another Demo Derby



More Mini Golf in Myrtle Beach



Myrtle Beach

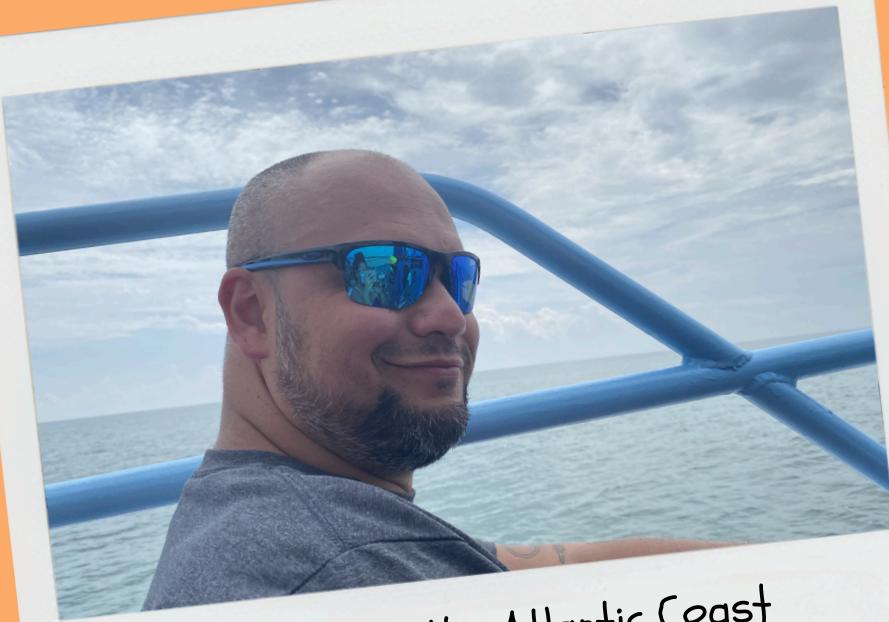
We're excited to share our adventures
and traditions!

Our Adventures

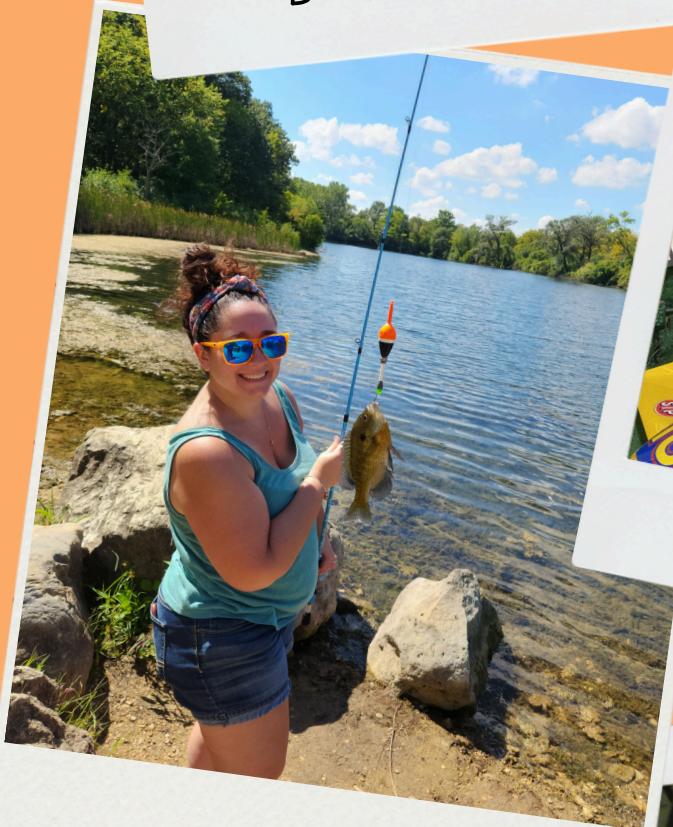
If it's nice outside, you'll probably find us on a mini golf course. We love mini golf so much, we took our honeymoon at the Mini Golf Capitol of the World, Myrtle Beach South Carolina! We also enjoy going to the dirt racetrack for monster trucks, racing, tractor pulls, and demolition derbies. When not on land, we like heading to the water to fish and kayak. When Christmas season starts, we like going to see the Brookfield Zoo Lights and the Morton Arboretum Illumination light walk.

Traditions

Some traditions that Nikki and Rick have are ones that have been passed down from Nikki's family and some are new to their own family together. Nikki's family has property in Michigan and most of the family, if not the entire family, go there for the 4th of July. A newer tradition Nikki and Rick started is going to Myrtle Beach for Thanksgiving.



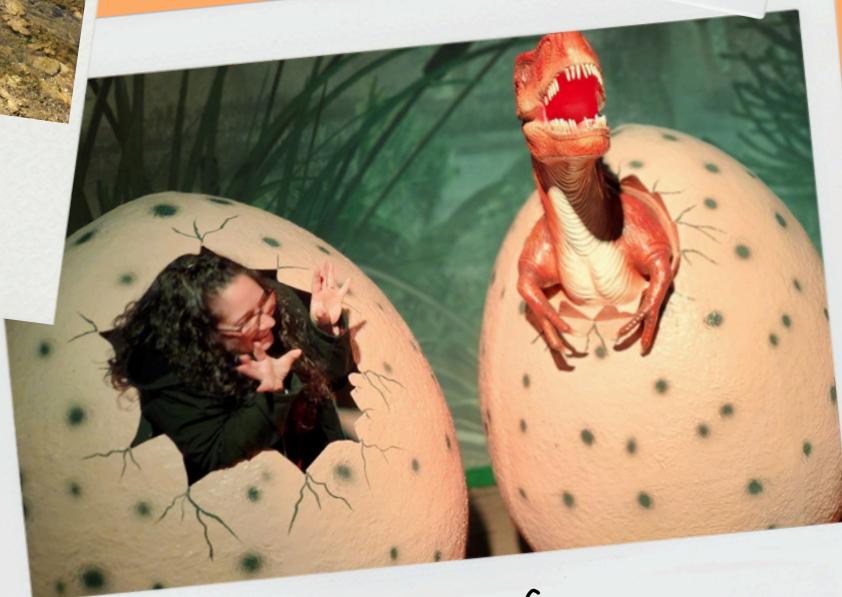
Boat ride on the Atlantic Coast



Fishing fun



Ready to race



Nikki being goofy



Rick with his friend's daughter



Nikki with her friend's daughter



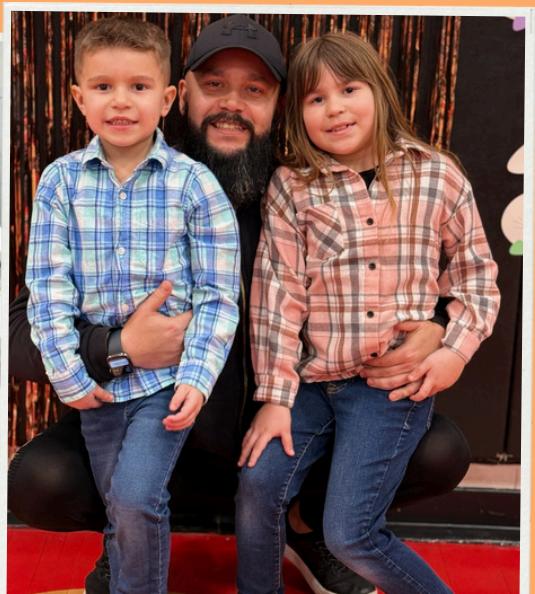
Nikki & Rick with her family in Michigan



Rick & his nephew



Nikki and her Goddaughter



Rick's nephew, brother & niece



Mini Golfing with friends



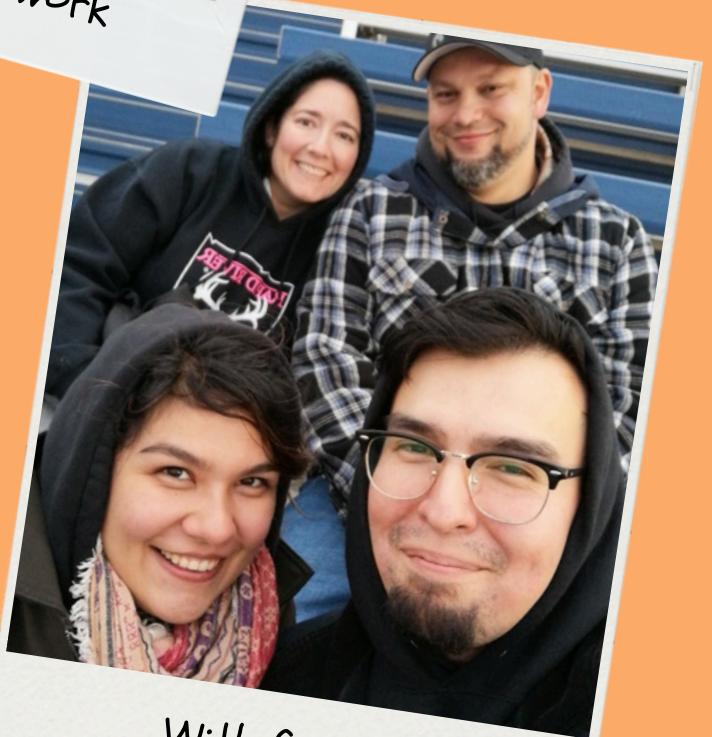
Rick & his riding group



Onesie day at Nikki's work



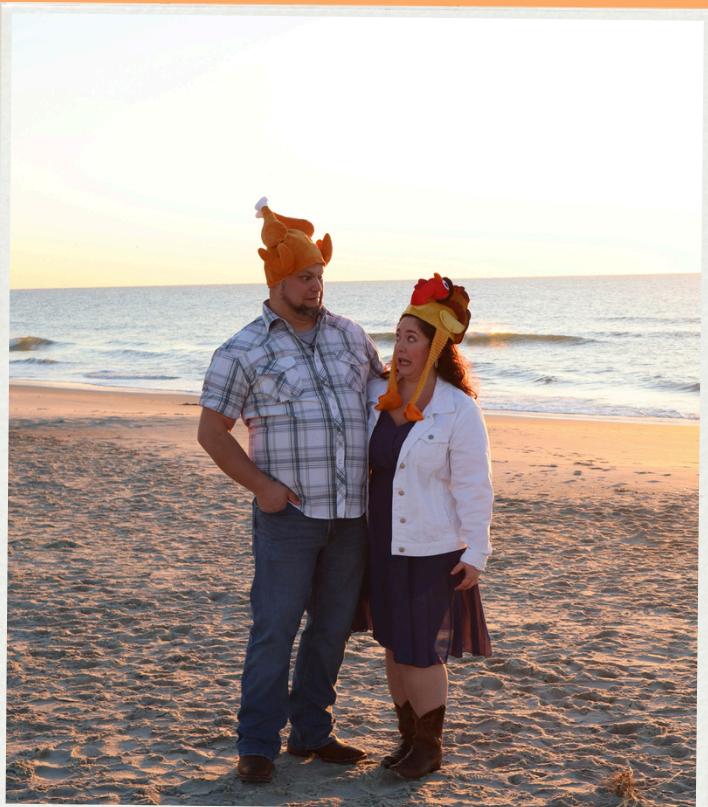
Nikki & friends at Brookfield Zoo



With friends at Tractor Pull

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,
plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to
give you a hope and a future.

- Jeremiah 29:11



Love & Blessings!