



*Erl &  
Mandie*



# Hello

We are Erl and Mandie. And yes, it's spelled Erl. He had to be different :) We are incredibly grateful for you taking the time to get to know us...as much as you can through a book that is.

This must be a confusing and difficult time trying to figure out what the best option is for you and your baby. Please know we are praying for you and our sincere prayer is that you feel loved and supported right where you are.

We hope this book will give you a transparent view of us and our life. Thank you for considering us as parents for your child. We know this is a hard decision for you and we are praying for you to have a peace that surpasses all understanding as you make a decision. If you bless us with this gift, we promise to be the best parents to your child and always remember you in our prayers.



Erl and Mandie



## Our Story

We met over 10 years ago at church. We worked together to plan events for the singles group at church. We've been friends ever since. There were times months would pass without seeing each other but we always reconnected very easily when we got together.

Fast forward to 2020 when I needed a date for a wedding and called him. We hadn't seen each other in over a year but he was the first, and only, person who came to my mind.

We ended up not going to the wedding but we reconnected and only God could have known that the next wedding we would attend together would be our own.

### *5 things that are important to us*

1. Honoring God in all things
2. Making special memories
3. Dinner and Yahtzee
4. Taking photos
5. Family and friends

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Kentucky camping trip



Christmas Festival In Natchitoches



The day we said "I do"



Florida beach trip



**Occupation:**

Project Controller

**Favorite food:**

Mexican

**Favorite activity:**

Making memories

**Favorite place:**

Next to my husband

**Three things I love:**

Organizing

Reading

Scrapbooking



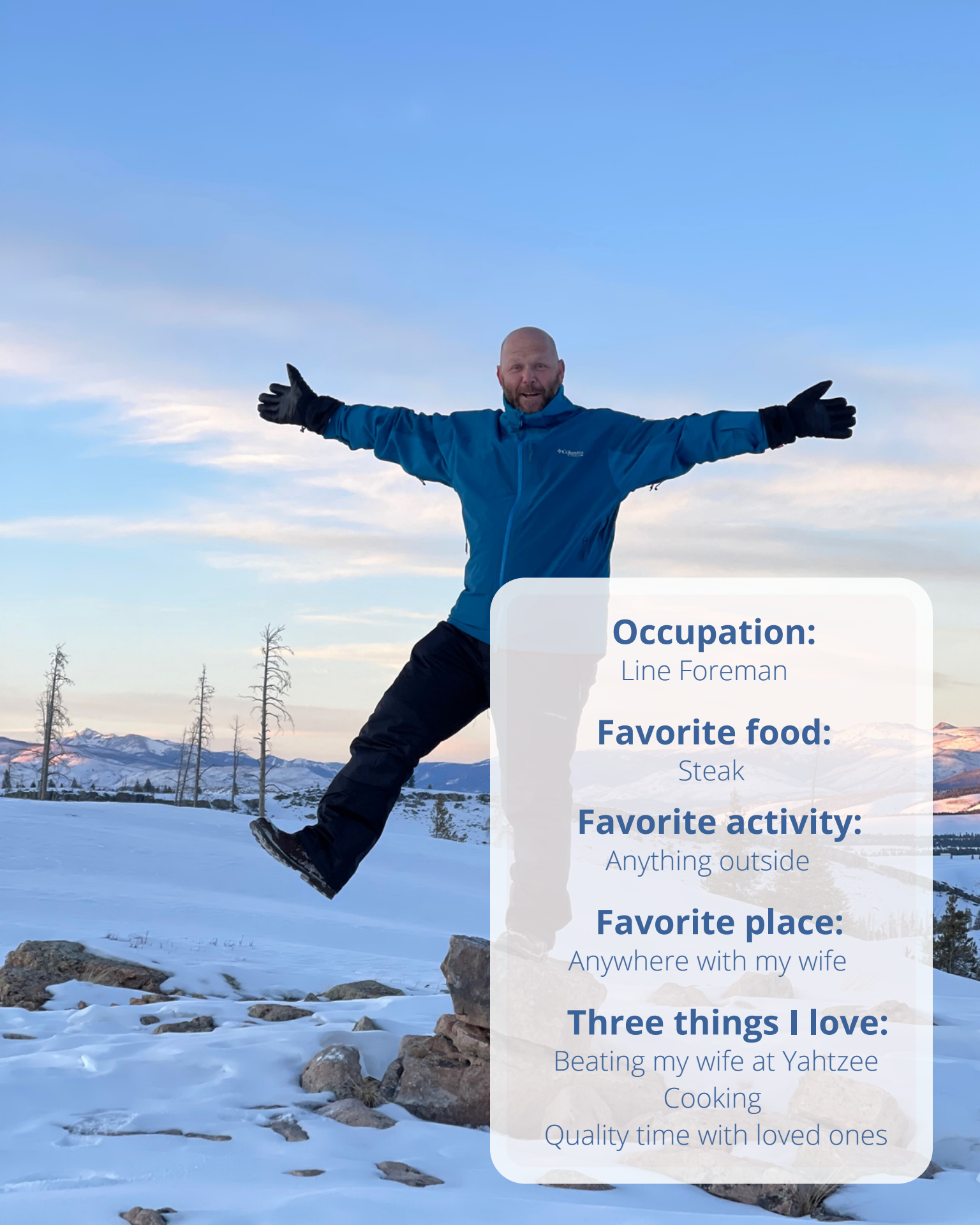
# Mandie

Written by Erl

Mandie is an absolutely amazing woman. She lights up the room with her smile when she enters and melts you with her warm heart. She enjoys being at home scrapbooking, organizing anything and everything, and spending quality time with family and friends. She has a great sense of humor and is one of the most loving people I have ever met.

Mandie spends most of her spare time on home projects, reading and spending quality with her husband. Mandie has a amazing way of mentoring children and teaching valuable skills, and important life lessons.





**Occupation:**

Line Foreman

**Favorite food:**

Steak

**Favorite activity:**

Anything outside

**Favorite place:**

Anywhere with my wife

**Three things I love:**

Beating my wife at Yahtzee

Cooking

Quality time with loved ones





# Erl

Written by Mandie

Erl is not only my husband, he is my best friend! He is the kindest and most gentle person I have ever met in my life. He finds joy in helping others.

He is genuine and sincere and loves getting to know people and learn from them. He is one of the most understanding people I know. He is the most loving and forgiving human I've ever met. He loves children. He loves interacting with them and teaching them new things. Our nieces, nephews and friends children gravitate to him wherever we are. He looks forward to being an involved and hands on dad. I am confident that our child will always be Erl's top priority, and that he will always make sure our child feels cherished, loved and supported.



# Lifestyle

## **Play. Adventure. Love. Laughter.**

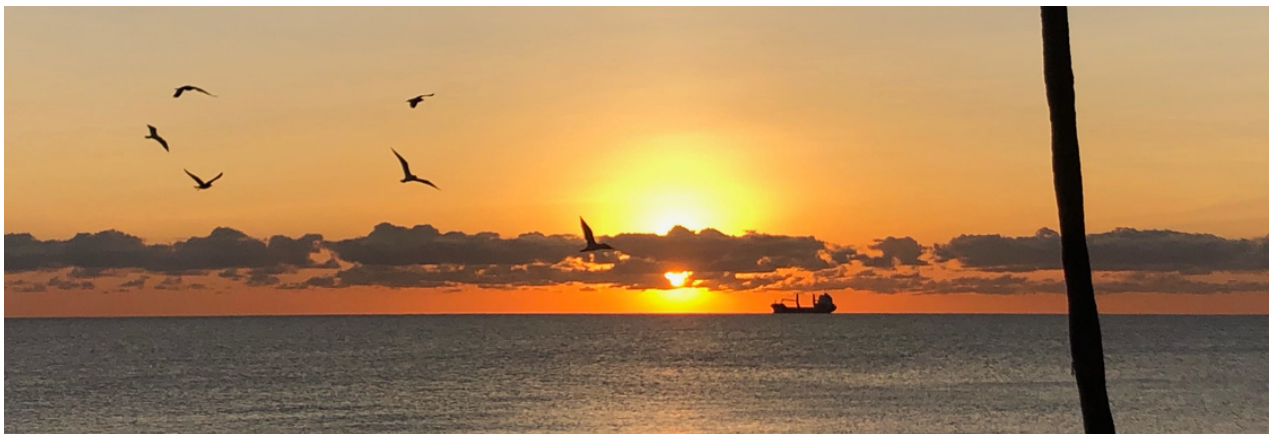
These are all words that encompass our lifestyle. We enjoy spending time together making new memories and traveling new places.

We recently purchased a pop-up camper and are remodeling it. We can't wait to finish it and go on our first camping trip. We look forward to traveling and experiencing new places.

Our life is filled with love. Our love for God, each other and our family.



Our new (to us) pop up camper



Sunrises and sunsets are our favorite!



Snow Skiing in Colorado



Just showing off our new door mat



Key West Florida



## ≡♡≡ Home Sweet Home

We live on a quiet dead end road. My parents live next door and my grandmaw lived across the street until she went to heaven. Most of our road is family. We joke that the kids don't have wings to grow up and leave home, they just move next door to their parents. Haha.



Cozy up and relax together



Our gathering place to eat



Cooking dinner together is our special time



Lots of space to run and play.



We love to swing

# People we love

Our family doesn't need a holiday to get together. We enjoy hosting and having people over to cook and hang out. Mandie's parents are energetic and adventurous. They live on a large acreage with a pond full of fish and deer. Mandie's sister and family live in San Antonio and we see them as often as possible. Erl's family lives up north so we don't get to see them as often as we would like.

The whole family spends quality time together sharing in holiday traditions and having fun. Everyone is supportive of our decision to adopt and cannot wait to spoil a new addition.



Family and friends



Family photo



Family Easter celebration



Fiesta Texas with Family



Friends from church



Sunday afternoon dinner



A few best girlfriends at a ladies conference

## ☆☆ Friends

We have been blessed to be surrounded by thoughtful and encouraging individuals. Our friends come in all ages, backgrounds and family compliments. These diverse backgrounds have created a strong network of amazing and supportive people.

# Four Legged Friends



**Sophia**

**Justice**



Sophia is sweet elderly girl . She is sixteen-years-old Yorkie who loves everyone she meets. As she ages her hearing and eyesight are diminishing but she loves to be with us.

Justice is our energetic, sweet and protective girl. She is an eight-year-old German Shepard. It takes her a while to warm up to new people but once she does she will love and protect you.







## Our Promise

To you and your baby we promise

- *To teach them to love and honor God above all else*
- *To share in traditions and pass on core values to help them be a good human being.*
- *To encourage them to live a life full of adventure, laughter and play.*
- *To educate, grow and nurture them to reach for the stars.*
- *To help them understand the difficult decision you had to make.*

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your consideration. A child is an extraordinary gift from God, one for whom we would be eternally grateful.

Our love and prayers go out to you.  
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