

Ryan, Analisa, & Juniper



A photograph of a family of three standing in front of a house with dark brown horizontal siding and white-framed windows. On the left, a man with long brown hair and glasses wears a multi-colored plaid shirt and blue jeans, with his hands in his pockets. In the center, a woman with blonde hair and glasses wears a black dress with large white floral patterns and holds a young girl. The girl has dark curly hair and wears a colorful floral shirt and pink shoes. A teal speech bubble with a white border is in the upper left corner, containing the text:

We are
honored
to introduce
ourselves to you
and for you to get to
know us better!

Hello

We first want to say thank you for taking the time to look through these pages to get to know us. We are so excited to continue to build our family through adoption. We are Ryan, Analisa & Juniper, a relaxed, easy going, and fun loving family. We have been a couple for 14 years and married for 9. We adopted Juniper when she was born, she is now almost 4! We hope that this book gives a good picture of who we are, the life we live, and the love we have to share as our family grows.

Respect, kindness, joy, and family are top priorities to us. We have an abundance of friends and family who love and support us and who will, with love and open arms, welcome any child we are lucky enough to raise into our family.

We will walk an adoption journey with open hearts. We want you to be involved in the capacity that is comfortable. A child's best interest will always be at the heart of decisions made. We are choosing to adopt because we have so much love to share. We want to give a child a life filled with love, support, respect, and encouragement.

We can not begin to imagine how you are feeling as you plan for your child's future. We hope that you find peace and comfort as you make this important decision.

With Love

Analisa + Ryan + Juniper
Analisa + Ryan + Juniper

Our Promise

We will always honor you in our home. This child will know that they have the greatest gift - being fiercely loved by multiple parents. We promise to give this child all of the love, joy and opportunities that we can.



This Is Us

Our journey began fourteen years ago after meeting through a mutual friend, and we've been married for nine years. We love to travel, eat new foods, take photos and videos, binge watch shows, walk together, talk together, and grow together. We really are best friends (as cheesy as that can sound). Becoming parents has been an unbelievable joy! We are so lucky to be Juniper's parents and are so excited to add another little one to our family!



We have so much love to share!

In Our Family We... *Adventure*



Snuggle



Laugh



Our Family Building Adventure

We knew from the beginning of our relationship how important raising children was to the both of us. After facing infertility we realized that having biological children was not in the cards. We always knew that adoption would be a part of our family building adventure and we were so lucky to welcome Juniper into our family in 2019! We are excited to add another little one to our family and Juniper is so excited to be a big sister!



Analisa



Hi, I'm Analisa - My husband, my family, and my friendships mean the world to me. I grew up in Minneapolis with my brother, and parents who have been married for over 40 years. The love my parents share, and the relationship they have, set an amazing example and I feel so lucky to have found that in my own relationship with Ryan.

I am so grateful to have grown up in a family that honored our passions, this helped to nurture my creativity which has lead me to a career path as a graphic designer. I work for a small company that has flexible hours, allowing me to work part time from home - making family a priority.

I have wanted to be a mom my whole entire life and feel truly excited and passionate about raising amazing children with Ryan by my side.



What Ryan Thinks

Analisa is a remarkable person that I cherish in my life. She is loving, caring, creative, and passionate. Her ability to make the mundane special make my life all the more enjoyable.

I love Analisa's ability to take chances and push me outside my comfort zone. We even choreographed the first dance at our wedding, a moment I'll never forget.

Analisa is a nurturer and a caretaker; she contains all of the qualities that make her a terrific mother. She can connect with Juniper in ways that make me smile, they have a beautiful connection. **We have created an environment for children to thrive and prosper, largely due to the vision that Analisa brings. She is the light in my life, someone whose calmness and patience bring love to everyone that enters her life.**



Analisa Loves

- Being creative: drawing, crafts, and crocheting
- Cooking, trying new recipes and ingredients
- Hedgehogs
- Harry Potter
- Cheeseburgers and tater tots at our favorite neighborhood restaurant
- Taking photos & videos
- Spending time with family
- Family walks
- Being a mom

Ryan



Hello, I'm Ryan - A person that loves my wife, family, friends, baseball, music, and food. I was born in New Orleans, lived on an Air Force base, however Minnesota has been home for most of my life. I have two siblings and was raised by my mom, in a single parent household. I am very driven and give everything I do 100%. I am not shy about my positivity and try to see the silver lining in all situations. I love humor and try (most of the time successfully) to get Analisa to laugh. As an engineer, I can be very analytical (I use spreadsheets A LOT) but most of my work revolves around connecting with people; taking complicated tasks and finding ways to improve processes. **As a father, I am fun, loving, and caring – putting family first in every decision made; creating a home full of smiles.**



What Analisa Thinks

Ryan is one of the most kind, loving, and funny people I know. He always sees the positive side in people and situations. He knows how to comfort those around him and when it is appropriate to alleviate tension with a joke. Over the last fourteen years we have grown to have such an amazing relationship, he is my true partner in life and my very best friend. Whether it is our living room dance parties or family adventures, he knows how to make every day feel special. He is a devoted, loyal, loving father to Juniper and has lots of extra love, jokes, and silliness to share with any little one who joins our family.



Ryan Loves

- Baseball, especially the Minnesota Twins
- Grilling
- Music and his vinyl record collection
- Spending time outside
- Trying new and adventurous foods
- Favorite movies: The Goonies or The Sandlot
- Cheeseburgers and tater tots at our favorite neighborhood restaurant
- Being a dad

Juniper



Meet Juniper. She is a spirited, fun loving, joyful almost 4 year old! Juniper was born in Nevada and we feel like the luckiest parents in the world to be chosen to be her mama and dada! We have a lovely connection with Juniper's birth mom and stay in touch texting updates and sharing our lives with each other. We are family and feel so lucky to know each other.

Juniper is an empathetic, joyful, happy, fun loving girl. She is thoughtful, caring and so kind.



Juniper by her parents

Juniper loves a good adventure! Whether it's simply going to the grocery store and riding in the cart, running through a pumpkin patch, or jumping in the swimming pool. Cheering at a baseball game, or fun at an apple orchard, the girl loves a fun time. Juniper enjoys having family dinners together and trying new foods (most of the time). She loves to be a big helper, whether it's "doing ingredients" (cooking), helping in the garden, or setting the table. She has loved snuggling and reading books together since she was very tiny. She started part time preschool this year and is loving making friends and learning new things. She is excited to be a big sister and says she wants to go swimming, read books, play and snuggle a new little one that joins our family!



Juniper Loves

- Reading together
- Rainbows
- Cuddling and being cozy
- Bath time and tub toys
- Adventures out and about
- Curry of any kind
- Fruit of all kinds
- Moana
- Bluey
- Soft Pajamas
- Her stuffed animals for bedtime
- Legos
- Butterflies

Kerning

Meet Kerning:
His name is a
graphic design
term for the
spacing in
between letters
- Analisa is a
graphic design
enthusiast.

He is a funny,
very spirited
Boston Terrier,
who loves to go
for walks, play,
and say "Hi" to all
humans.



Kerning Loves

- Humans
- Treats
- Snuggles
- Giving kisses
- Walks
- Playing with toys and tennis balls
- Chasing with Juniper



Friends



We have a diverse group of friends, both near and far, who we love to spend time with.

We consider our friends, family.

We have lifelong friends who have been a part of our lives since childhood.

It has been so fun to have our friend's children meet Juniper, and get together for adventures and play!



Family



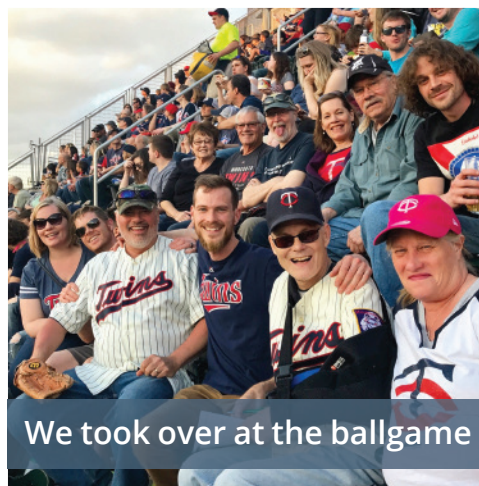
Analisa & her brother



Delicious Thanksgiving dinner with family



Always lots of cousin love and fun to be had



We took over at the ballgame



Analisa's family



Ryan's siblings and parents



Family reunion





Ryan's family



Lots of Love
for Juniper
from our
family!



Our family is our true support system, we are lucky enough to live within 15 minutes of our families and have lots of friends and extended family close.



Extended family in Budapest, Hungary with Ryan's dad



Everyone has been so loving of our growing family. The support and love is unwavering



Ryan's dad & sister with Juniper



*In this family,
you will love
and be loved
for the rest of
your life!*

Home Sweet Home

We live in our home, located in the capital city of Minnesota. The neighborhood we chose is very safe, diverse, multicultural, and has great schools. We live just one block away from a big green park filled with mature trees, which is across the street from a school with a fun playground, tennis courts, basketball court, and softball field - lots of room to run, play, and take family walks. We love to drive or walk along the Mississippi River road, which is just blocks away, watching as the seasons change.

Favorites about where we live

- Getting all four seasons throughout the year
- Vintage shopping
- Visiting the lakes (Minnesota has more than 10,000 of them)
- Great restaurants to visit and try new adventurous things
- Going for family walks and finding new playgrounds





*We can't wait
to grow our
family in this
home!*

Family Traditions

We have merged and brought our individual family traditions into our family unit. We are so excited to pass these traditions on, as well as make even more new ones as our family grows. These traditions help remind us what is important, and bring back all the memories we have made and will continue to make.

Our Very Tall Christmas Tree

When we got our home we loved the tall ceilings, and even though it was spring we imagined filling these tall ceilings with the biggest Christmas Tree that would fit. It has become our yearly tradition to get a great big tree, decorating it together with hot cocoa, and loud Christmas music.

Christmas Stockings

Juniper's birth family has traditionally incorporated hanging Christmas stockings and filling them with fun small gifts, including an ornament to hang on the tree to represent that year. Analisa grew up with stockings hung as well and we have lovingly incorporated that in to our Christmas morning tradition – even Kerning the dog gets one.

The Hungarian Christmas Duck

A tradition passed down from Ryan's dad's side of the family is to roast duck for Christmas. It wouldn't feel like Christmas without it. We are thankful to Ryan's dad for keeping the tradition alive.

The MN State Fair

We make it a point to get to the MN State Fair every year. It's only open twelve days at the end of summer and we love going as a family, exploring, and eating new fun things. Seeing lots of animals, hearing live music and entertainment.

Family Dinner

On weeknights especially, we cook all of our meals, sit down at the table, and eat together. We talk about our day, any new fun things we learned or tried that day, and anything upcoming we have planned. We do cheers with our water and make it a fun part of our day.

MN Twins Home Opener

We have been making a tradition of going to the Minnesota Twins Baseball Home Opener each year in Spring. As Ryan would say, "In our family, the home opener is a holiday".

*At the heart
of every family
tradition is a
meaningful
experience*



Our very tall Christmas Tree to fill up these very tall ceilings - always fills our home with the best holiday smell of all.



The Hungarian Christmas Duck!

Other Favorites

- Pizza on Fridays
- Movies at the local \$3 theater with real butter on the popcorn
- Holiday movies at Christmas
- Walks along the Mississippi River Road
- Baking together

A man and a woman are walking hand-in-hand on a snowy path in front of a house with dark wood siding and white window frames. The man is wearing a blue and red plaid shirt and grey pants. The woman is wearing a yellow dress, a black cardigan, a patterned scarf, and brown boots. They are both smiling and looking at each other. In the background, there is a white house and a blue shed. A text box is overlaid on the left side of the image.

We are
so grateful to
have the opportunity
to grow our family,
instilling our family
spirit to use as
building blocks in
life.



Our Family Spirit

Unconditional Love: To treat each other with unwavering love and honor.

Kindness: Be gentle, friendly, generous, and considerate of others and their feelings.

Put Some Music On - Make It Fun: Music can make any task easier or turn any frown upside down. Stop - drop - dance.

Uniqueness Is Honored: Be silly - be weird - be yourself and appreciate each other's differences and qualities that make us special.

Encouragement & Support: We encourage and support those around us, offering a helping hand and a listening ear. Supporting them in their choices, and encouraging each other through good times and bad.

• Love • Music • Silliness • Encouragement • Support •

Thank You!



We want to thank you so much for taking time to look through this book and getting to know us better. It's not easy to pour our lives into so few pages but we hope we have given you a good picture of who we are, how much love, happiness, and joy we have for each other, and just how much more we have to share.

-Ryan, Analisa & Juniper