

At Last

About Steve

Kindness and Goodness

Steve grew up in the sweetest place on earth—Hershey, PA. He has 4 brothers and 3 sisters. He served a 2 year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the Nevada Las Vegas West Mission. Steve graduated from BYU-Idaho with a bachelor's degree in Accounting and then from Utah State with a Masters of Accountancy with an emphasis in Tax.

After graduating, he moved back east to work in the DC area for PricewaterhouseCoopers as a tax accountant and got his CPA license. After nearly 6 years working for PwC, he changed jobs and started working for VeriSign (they basically run the Internet), where he is still working. Steve loves being active and being outdoors. His brother got him into Spartan races, and he has now completed his 15th Spartan race, the most recent near Huntsville, UT.



Liz and Steve took engagement pictures in Huntsville, Utah.



Dating during a global pandemic is no joke. But learning we thought similarly about the situation and being able to support each other in some trying and isolating times was a huge help to strengthening this relationship.

About Liz

Anxiously Engaged

Liz was raised in the mountains of Huntsville, Utah. She has 4 brothers and 1 sister and some pretty amazing parents. She graduated from BYU with a bachelor's degree in Communications, with a print journalism emphasis. She served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Curitiba, Brazil and loved it so much she's been back to visit 3 times. She also graduated from the Professional MBA program at the University of Utah.

She has worked for the Church for the past 13 years. She is currently working in the Church Communication Department as a product manager and content strategist.

She consults on major messaging campaigns for the Church, manages Temple Square marketing and communications (including the communications about the Salt Lake Temple renovation), and is also developing a new content and messaging strategy for the home page of ChurchofJesusChrist.org.

She loves the outdoors (camping, hunting, hiking, fishing, biking, skiing), traveling, gardening, reading, writing, playing with her dog Ginny, and spending time with her nieces and nephews. She also fancies Steve Meilstrup (pronounced MILE-struhp).

Liz's Motivational Quotes

"Never suppress a generous thought."
(Camilla Kimball)

"For the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs." (Mary Ann Evans, [Pen name: George Elliot], *Middlemarch*)

Steve's Motivational Quote

"That which we persist in doing becomes easier for us to do—not that the nature of the thing is changed, but that our power to do is increased."
(attributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Love Quotes

"I don't want sunbursts or marble halls, I just want you."
(L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*)

"I cannot fix on the hour, or the spot, or the look or the words, which laid the foundation. It is too long ago. I was in the middle before I knew that I had begun."
(Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*)

A global pandemic causes a big city accountant to move across the country where he falls for a small-town gal who works for her local church

A Mutual Miracle

Timeline

First Mutual message: August 15, 2021

First Date: August 21, 2021

First Time Holding Hands: September 10, 2021

First Kiss: September 11, 2021

Decided We Were Dating: September 14, 2021

Steve Met Liz's Parents: September 14, 2021

Liz Met Steve's Mom: October 15, 2021

First Said "I Love You": December 19, 2021

Road Trip: December 27-31, 2021

Engaged: April 24, 2022

Sealed for Eternity: August 13, 2022

First Date

The plan was to get ice cream at Handel's and go on a walk at Wheeler Farm but we got rained out. So we went to Auntie Rae's in Holladay and got desserts. Liz was late, but Steve waited. Liz and Steve jumped into conversation like they were already friends and on the same wavelength navigating news of the day, politics, who we were, and what we were doing in life with ease.

What Steve loves most about Liz:

Liz is the most generous and loving person. She is always looking for ways to help and serve others. She has such a good heart and is willing to assist in any way she can. She is also super smart, funny, and driven. And she also puts up with my weirdness. She also loves the gospel and makes it a priority in her life. I love Liz!

What Liz loves most about Steve:

Steve is the kindest person I have ever met. He is so so so good. It is not in his nature to do anything mean. He is endlessly patient with me. He is a support in all the many things I dip my hands into (way too many things), and he is ridiculously in love with me. He loves my family, and he loves my dog. I am grateful he is committed to following Jesus Christ. And I love, I love, I love him.

Titles for our Love Story

- Counting on Covid
- Romance in the Rockies
- Salty Kisses
- A Mutual Miracle
- Steve Goes West
- Swipe Right for COVID
- A Pandemic Proposal

Favorites

Steve

Books: Les Miserables, Lord of the Rings, Chronicles of Narnia

Movies: Lord of the Rings, Thor: Ragnarok, The Man Who Knew Too Little

Music: Alternative Indie

Color: Navy Blue

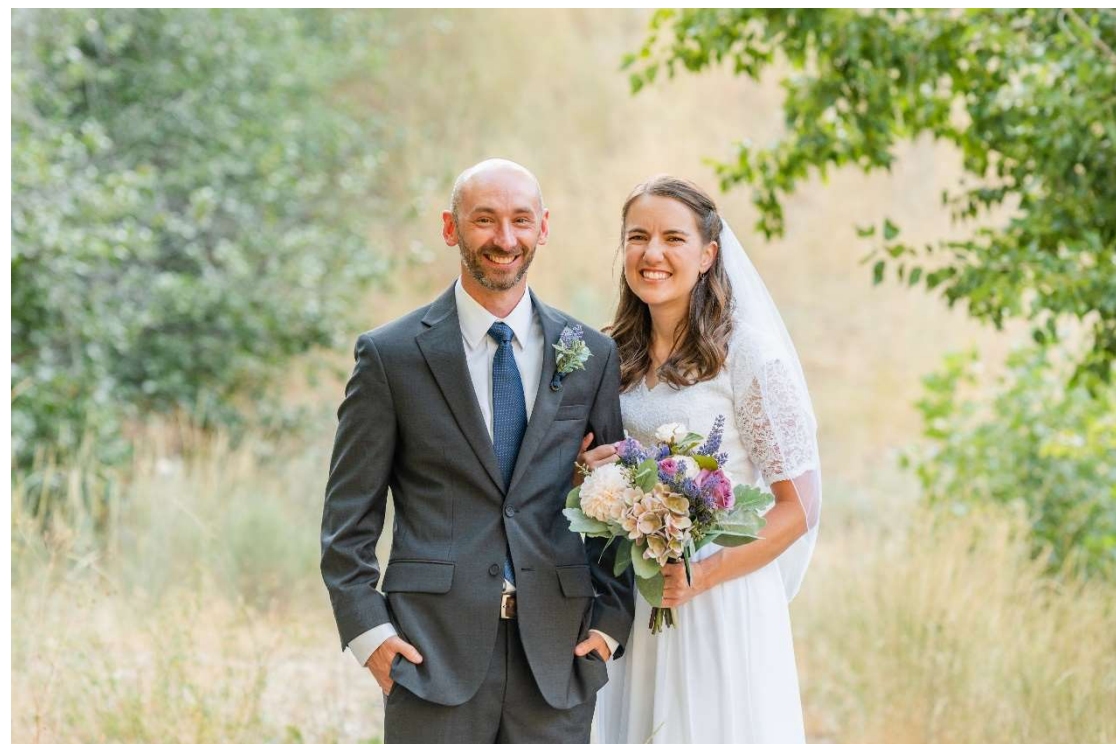
Liz

Books: Anne of Green Gables, Pride and Prejudice, Lord of the Rings, Little Women, Harry Potter, The Chronicles of Narnia, and a hundred more

Movies: Um...all of those books in movie form + While You Were Sleeping

Music: Country, Christian, FM 100

Color: Purple



The Proposal

In April 2022, Liz had an opportunity to work at the D.C. Temple open house. Since Steve had lived in DC for 13 years, they planned to end up in D.C. and spend time together.

On April 24, 2022, they wandered the National Mall in the evening. At about 9:28 p.m. at the D.C. World War I Memorial, Steve asked a question and Liz answered. And they kissed. And laughed. And freaked out. And called all their family members. And there was much rejoicing.

OK, they'd actually already set the temple date and reserved a reception venue, but the above is WAY more romantic.