

I was born in Muskogee but moved here when I was seven years old. That's when my mom met my stepdad. But I don't like the word "stepdad" because, in my eyes, that's my dad. That's when my mom made Wagoner our home. I met the love of my life, JW Barry, when I was in the 8th grade, and we dated for four years. I married my high school sweetheart right after the 11th grade. I graduated from Wagoner High School in 2000. I had my one and only daughter, Baylee, in 2001. A little 4' 11", blonde-haired, blue-eyed fire-cracker! Who knew that I would give birth to my husband's mini me?! I'm the youngest of three. I have two older brothers, Kyle and Aaron. I have three fur babies: two boxers, Jax and Bentley; then there's my little French bulldog, Ralphie, who's a complete momma's boy.

Me and my husband just recently sold our house here in town and built out in the country next to my parents on 20 acres. I'm glad I'm next to them so I can keep an eye on them and take care of them when they get older. I can't believe how peaceful and beautiful it is out there. Although the goose poop is ridiculous, I'm glad they poop on my mom and dad's side and not mine, LOL. The pond is next to their house, but the geese own it. I'm not going to lie. At first we drug our feet because we were scared of change, but we're glad we finally took our life jackets off and just jumped right in! It's been so nice not being caught at a train! My husband had to teach me how to drive his zero-turn mower. Boy, where has that been all my life?! I love to put my AirPods in and just mow for hours.

I enjoy working out. I get up at 4:30 A.M. and do my workouts so I have the rest of my day clear. I've been doing circuit classes for over two years, and Anita got me hooked up with her personal trainer, Trina, who's been training me now for seventeen months. I love to go out and try new restaurants with friends. My weakness is anything chocolate, shoot, ANYTHING sweet! There isn't a candy bar I don't like.

Things most people don't know about me are I can't stand for someone to touch my kneecaps or elbows, I don't like dust on my feet (you will never see me walk barefoot on slick concrete!), I hate onions, and I LOATHE locusts!!!! Basically, I don't like any bug that can jump or fly at me. I've made quite the funny designs in the yard on the zero-turn when grasshoppers fly at me, LOL!

I've worked in dialysis, was a medical assistant, and drew blood at a doctor's office. I've always enjoyed helping people, but I finally found my calling here at the funeral home when I met Jason and Anita at dinner one night. I truly feel that God placed them in my and my husband's life. After I started here, my husband took a job at the funeral home as the crematory operator. He has also been employed with the Wagoner Fire Department for almost twenty years and helps run his family's wrecker service. My title here is funeral director personal assistant. I'm responsible for the programs, music, guest book, and working services. I love to meet with families and help with services. I work alongside my favorite sister-in-law, Tina, and Barb, who has become a great friend to me.

Jason and Anita have taught me many things here at the funeral home. We are just one big family here. One thing that amazes me is that when we're having a rough time or just having an off day, Jason and Anita will have us all hold hands and pray for whatever situation that is troubling us and that the Lord watch over us and bless us. It truly makes my heart happy when people tell me we have done a wonderful job honoring their family member. I want to strive to continue growing here. I would like to go to school and get my funeral director's license but not the embalming part. I truly am honored to be a part of the Shipman Funeral Home & Crematory team!

