

as well. Some of you lucky few have had the chance to meet her at my sister's wedding. She works at an oral surgery clinic. Her son plays a variety of sports & is quite the athlete. Also, saving the best for last, my kids are living close enough to me for me to see them every day. Samantha is 4



Samantha, William, Andrew, Jacob

years old & will be 5 on Valentine's Day. She has also started pre K & loves going to school & learning. William is 3 & will be turning 4 in May; he has also decided to save the terrible 2's for his third year of life. Both of my children are absolutely awesome & I would not trade them for the world - however crazy they may get. During 2011 I will be commissioned as an Officer, go to Officer School in Arizona for another 4 months, get an assignment to my first unit as an Officer & start my life as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

SIMON'S SHUTTERS

Hola everyone. This year has been pretty crazy for Nicole & I. As most of you probably know, we got married on April 3rd. It was great to have many of you out to Milwaukee to celebrate with us. We took a little honeymoon to Door County right after the wedding & then in December we sat in the sun in Mexico for the real deal.

During the summer Milwaukee Public Schools ended up cutting over 700 jobs & unfortunately Nicole was one of those 700. After applying at tons of schools, she was hired as a nanny for a cool lil' kid & his soon to be sister, who was born just a few months ago.



Nicole & Simon



Alex & Donna

As for me, I have been doing photography full time for over a year now & things are going great. Valo had a very crazy summer photographing tons of High School Seniors as well as quite a few weddings. We are already pretty booked for next summer & are very excited to see how much we grow

over the next year.

Just before Halloween we adopted our second pup. Now we have Somebuddy, the Jack Russell Mix & Anybuddy, the Boston Terrier Mix. They are pretty crazy, but they get along well & we love 'em a lot (even if they sometimes chew on stuff & pee all over). Nicole & I also have an Etsy shop called EugeneLynn & have been going to lots of craft shows to sell hand made things. I do a lot of paper crafting, journals, & baskets. She does lots of jewelry, magnets, & hair accessories. It's always a lot of fun crafting things for other people as well as things to go around the house. If you want to follow along with the photography work that I am doing you can always check out my blog: <http://www.valophotography.com/blog/simon> or check me out on twitter @simonmconico

DONNA'S DOMGS

Well, 2010 was an interesting year! Last year I started dating an amazing man, Alexander King III & on January 3rd, 2010 he asked me to marry him! As many of you may know, I said yes! So you can imagine what our last year was full of... wedding plans & traveling!! Alex is from North Carolina & of course, I'm from Minnesota. So every month I was either flying or at the airport picking him up. The big decision now was who moves? We settled on my moving to North Carolina after the wedding. Alex is currently in College finishing his degree in Automotive Mechanics. We didn't want to deal with him transferring & possibly losing credits. I am still teaching Ballroom Dance at Arthur Murray. The good thing is that the franchise is worldwide & transferable & what do you know? There are two in Charlotte, NC that were hiring! That started the process of getting the job. Sure enough - they were glad to hire me!



Donna and Alex with Mr. and Mrs. King And their new Truck and Trailer