



## Isabelle Therese Brock

December 4, 1981 - August 9, 2018

This world lost the “moste” beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, teacher, writer, gardener and runner, Isabelle Therese Brock, due to a very sudden illness on Thursday the 9th of August at 8:38pm.

Isabelle was born in Bozeman, Montana on December 4, 1981, the third of six children born to James and Elaine Brock. She grew up in Montana. She graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Creative Writing from Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania in 2004, and earned her MFA from Oregon State in 2008. Isabelle transitioned from student to teacher to senior instructor in the English Department at OSU. She was a passionate and talented writer, poet and educator.

In 2004, she welcomed a daughter, Eliza Rain, into her life. Isabelle met the love of her life, Johnny Bain, in 2009 and their son, Raymond Daniel, was born in 2012. Isabelle and Johnny were married on August 1, 2015, surrounded by family and friends.

Isabelle is survived by husband, Johnny; daughter, Eliza Rain; son, Raymond Daniel; parents, James and Elaine Brock; brother, Aaron, (spouse Melanie, children Annabelle and Clara); sister, Allison Glasier (children Samuel and Katelyn); brother, James; sister, Maggie (partner Sean Mason); and brother, William (fiancé Cassidy Sawdon).

Fierce and brave, Isabelle went out of her way to speak and act on behalf of anyone around her who needed support. Her family has many memories of her uncoiling her slender 5-foot-4 frame to confront injustice. People who were mistreating animals or acting in ways that were threatening to children in the presence of Isabelle never walked away unscathed. When something uncomfortable was happening in public, Izzy was the person who spoke up first. The world is filled with people and creatures who benefited from her unflinching activism.

Signs of Isabelle's literary brilliance showed up at an early age when she won first prize for an essay about her pet chicken. Only eight years old, she won \$50 for a story about how Mixie, her little red hen, loved to jump on the trampoline with her. Needless to say, fiction was one of the genres in which she excelled.

Intensity marked her approach to life. She wanted to learn the guitar at 34, so she just did. She loved running and ran faster and farther each day until she suffered an Achilles injury, at which point she rehabbed competitively until she could run far and fast again. Isabelle volunteered to read in her son's kindergarten class. She showed up the first day and learned that the readers were expected to read in Spanish, a language she didn't speak. The next time she showed up, she was ready. Isabelle read in Spanish every week all through the school year. Everything she did, she did with purpose and intentionality.

One of Isabelle's great gifts was humor. She was quick-witted and clever and she told hilarious jokes. Of all the ways that she will be missed, her family will remember laughing with her most of all. Those memories are cherished.

Isabelle's family would like to thank the medical team at the Good Samaritan

Regional Medical Center. They worked so hard to try to save her.

A celebration of life is scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Friday at Willamette Park.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, the family has set up a fund to help cover medical costs. Gifts to this fund can be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/support-is-abelle039s-familymedical>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 17. 3:00 AM - 5:00 AM.

Willamette Park

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Isabelle was a friend. I just heard. Doesn't matter that it's a month ago, it still hurts. My world is diminished.* ”

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**James B.** - September 16, 2018 at 02:24 PM