



Christina Aurora Bain

October 6, 1983 - February 8, 2021

Christina Aurora deRoos Bain of Austin, TX passed away at 2:53 in the morning on Monday, February 8th, 2021 at age 37. She died from complications from colon cancer, initially diagnosed in 2015. She is survived by her husband, Wesley Bain, her daughter, Marlowe Bain, her father, Jan de Roos, her mother, Marie de Roos, and her sisters, Alex and Adriana de Roos. Though born in Houston, she grew up in Ithaca, NY. She attended Cornell University before moving to Austin in 2005 to attend grad school in evolutionary biology at the University of Texas.

Christina was never personally fond of the "warrior" motif for describing cancer, but the truth is that she fought it like hell all the same. Not just against the cancer itself, but to make sure that whatever time she had left here was given meaning. She wanted to live a life of positive change and no regrets. She worked on numerous social groups, like Brentwood/Crestview's anti-racism group. She also served on The Livestrong Cancer Institutes' Young Adult Cancer Advisory Board, helping to provide insight on care needs for the brand new cancer center in Austin where she was one of the earliest patients. The latter allowed for many unique opportunities, including speaking at SXSW and a collaboration with Austin Classical Guitar to compose a song about her journey through treatment called Miles To Go (and available on Austin Classic Guitar's Soundcloud site).

Christina was an avid crafter who built a huge community through knitting, sewing, and weaving groups. She worked her dream job for the website Ravelry, a knitting community, where she met many friends and professional acquaintances. She was extremely proud of hand-making her own clothing. She shared her journey through cancer and how it affected her crafting ability and decisions on her personal blog, Bearing the Weight (<https://bearingthewait.com>), as well as in several articles and podcast interviews (such as What to Make When You Are Dying for Seamwork Magazine and the Bearing the Weight episode of the Grief is a Sneaky Bitch podcast). She wanted her life to have low environmental impact and found crafting to be a wonderful way to create personal, lasting clothes using natural fibers.

Christina was a fiercely loyal and loving wife and mother. She met her husband doing improvisational theater as part of Austin's arts community where she performed in several troupes for years. She was very close with her child and always looked for creative ways to work around the limitations caused by her disease to spend quality time with her. Together they created many happy memories watching and discussing storytelling in media, running a family book club, and playing communal video games. It was a home founded very much in humor, partnership, and teamwork.

Due to the pandemic, there will be a very small, private viewing on February 10th at Austin natural Funerals, followed by a burial service at Eloise Woods natural burial park. There are so many more who would like to come than we can safely accommodate, so there will be a larger remembrance service on a date to be determined in the future--once the pandemic has passed--so that all her friends and family will be able to gather safely and celebrate her life together. Details on that will come at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, and since Christina and her family own cats who would just knock them over and eat them anyway, please consider a donation instead to

The Livestrong Cancer Institutes division of the Austin Dell Medical School at The University of Texas (https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/utgiving/online/nlogin/?menu=DM**) or to Wonders & Worries (<https://connect.clickandpledge.com/w/Form/0083dbc5-f5dd-4beb-bcb3-37e4dfd7ced8>).

Cemetery Details

Eloise Woods Natural Burial Park

115 Northside Lane
Cedar Creek, TX 78612

Tribute Wall



“ *Austin Natural Funerals created a Funeral Service at Eloise Woods in memory of Christina Aurora Bain* ”



Austin Natural Funerals - February 11, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ *Christina Aurora Bain* ”

October 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM

JO

“ I moved to Ithaca, NY from the deep, religious, resentful South halfway through my sophomore year of high school. While I thought I was a progressive rebel in the context of the South, it turns out I was actually pretty bigoted in the context of most reasonable, compassionate places. I sat alone in the IHS cafeteria for lunch in a strange, very cold place where I observed people looking and behaving in ways entirely new to me. Christina and her friends must have noticed, and invited me to sit at their table for lunch one day. They were genuinely curious. And kind. And asked me thoughtful questions about life, spirituality, the environment, politics, school, and more, and allowed me the space to be stupid, and Christina especially was patient and wise. These lunch sessions went on for months. She extended love and acceptance, even though I spewed nonsense. She sought understanding, and challenged me with sincere questions. She welcomed me as a stranger and an outsider, and treated me as family even as I tried to force my ignorant views through the compassion and logic. It was a turning point in my life and she was a force in changing my trajectory. I have thought of her, and that lunch table, and her friends, often over the years. I regret losing touch, and am so sad at the loss those close to her must be feeling. She left a deep imprint on me, and one that I hope I have honored and found ways to spread in my own ways.

With love,
Jonathan Froehlich

Jonathan - August 19, 2021 at 10:19 PM

VG

“ I just read your email of thanks to your Hotel School colleagues. I am so sorry for your grievous loss. Neal's Alzheimer's has taken us away from our Cornell friends. Please know, however, that you are in our thoughts. May the memory of Christina become a blessing.
Vivian & Neal Geller

vivian geller - April 03, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ I remember Christina well from high school in Ithaca NY. I remember thinking that she radiated warmth and kindness and wishing we could be friends, although we were in different circles. She was only an acquaintance, but I admired her so much as someone who seemed truly beautiful inside and out. I haven't thought about Christina in years, but today I logged onto Ravelry to find a new knitting project (knitting has really helped me through lockdown) and I saw Christina and the deeply moving tribute paid to her. I am so so sorry for all those grieving her. I can only imagine the sadness and loss you must be feeling.

Ivy Morris - March 07, 2021 at 09:08 AM

RD

“ Rhonda D. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Christina Aurora Bain.



Rhonda D. - March 05, 2021 at 08:14 AM

NM

“ Nancy Moore lit a candle in memory of Christina Aurora Bain



Nancy Moore - February 28, 2021 at 11:17 PM

AN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Anna Nowogrodzki - February 15, 2021 at 11:39 AM

DE

“ DebJonckheere lit a candle in memory of Christina Aurora Bain



DebJonckheere - February 12, 2021 at 01:58 PM



Shannon Okey

“ Every interaction I ever had with Christina, be it at a fiber festival or online, was a pleasure. She was a genuinely sweet person who was so kind and easy to talk to, and I am sending so much love to her family and friends.

Shannon Okey - February 11, 2021 at 02:56 PM

CS

“ Cindy Supeau lit a candle in memory of Christina Aurora Bain



Cindy Supeau - February 11, 2021 at 10:08 AM

RH

“ I will never forget the beautiful person who was Christina. She showed us how to find joy in the dimmest of life’s corners. Her love for her family was so deep and strong and real. She was never too tired to help someone else or be there for them. I will miss her, but I don’t think I will ever stop learning from her. The world was a better place with her in it

Romi Hill - February 11, 2021 at 12:48 AM

RA

“ Christina is a treasure. I love her so much.



Rachel - February 10, 2021 at 09:19 PM

LI

“ I met Christina at Rhinebeck a few years ago, and she was so generous and down-to-earth, it made me so happy to spend a little time with her, just browsing the booths and talking about knitting. She said something thoughtful and complimentary to every vendor we visited. I will miss her presence in the knitting world!

Lisa - February 10, 2021 at 07:59 PM

CJ

“ I met Christina at The Knitting Nest in Austin when she first took the Ravelry job. After I moved to Connecticut, we reconnected at Rhinebeck every year. She was one of the most beautiful and wonderful people, and I’m so glad I got to know her and spend even a little time with her. Her family will always be in my thoughts.

Catherine Jones - February 10, 2021 at 05:07 PM

AF

“ I never had the honor of meeting Christina, but I know her light shone bright in this world. As a piece of your hearts travel to heaven with her, know that she will live forever in your warm memories of her ever lasting love for you. I wish you peace as you make your way without her by your side.

Amber Fortenberry - February 10, 2021 at 10:52 AM

VS

“ Valerie Salerno lit a candle in memory of Christina Aurora Bain



Valerie Salerno - February 10, 2021 at 07:17 AM

VS

Christina made such an impression on me while she was growing up. I recall her being such a welcoming person to all, a terrific sister, and I thought of her as being so much more mature than her peers. (There's probably a better word for that) She was a caring and accepting soul who made everyone feel loved.

Valerie Salerno - February 10, 2021 at 07:25 AM

CD

“ We met Christina when she was a young girl, such a beautiful disposition, with a calm personality and a special smile! She baby sat for our children a few times, and they could not wait to get back to Marie's house to be with Christina and Adriana!! May your memory and all that you were, and all that you gave be in the hearts that love you the most!! Rest In Peace precious soul!!!

claudia diez - February 09, 2021 at 09:43 PM