

In Memory of Isamu Haibara (1988 - 2018)

Crescentia DeGoede
September 1, 2018



Name: Isamu Haibara

Birth Date: June 30, 1988

Ascension Date: August 25, 2018

Isamu Yong David Haibara was born June 30, 1988. He was the eldest of three siblings. One of them didn't survive more than a day after birth. The second was Talia. After she was born, we moved to Japan. She and Isamu were enrolled in a Christian school. Talia was only two years old! Isamu held her hand and showed her where the restroom was. He learned to speak Japanese fluently and she found an egg in the schoolyard. To say the least, they flourished.

From birth, Isamu has been kind, gentle, and brave. When Talia was too young to do her hair or take care of herself, Isamu would dry her hair and floss her teeth. He was a gentle soul, with kind eyes. Many girls spoke about his kind, brown eyes. He would never hurt even a fly. Whenever Isamu and Talia would go out to eat, he would tip about 80%

of the bill at the end of a meal. He never passed up a panhandler without handing them a few dollars. He always let people have their right away when driving. He went over and above to be kind. His name meant Brave. He valued bravery enough to have it tattooed across his back. Whether he was on a rollercoaster or talking on the phone with someone when there were struggling, he showed strength and empathy. That takes courage.

Isamu had many interests and passions. When he was younger he wanted to be a graphic designer. He always had charcoals, markers, and a sketch pad. On family vacations, he spent time drawing aliens on skateboards and other out-of-this-world characters. Talia modeled after his passion for art and drawing and later studied art in college herself. At the same time, he loved skateboarding, playing guitar, music, and hanging out with his friends. Later in his life, Isamu loved working with his hands and seeing a good job done. He worked very hard for years as a journeyman carpenter. One of his best friends was a cat. Crackerjack, was his cat. And like his owner, Crackerjack was the king of love.

Isamu had his battles. He struggled with drug addiction. His short, brilliant life ended on August 25, 2018. It is with great sadness we say goodbye. Though we say goodbye, Love is how we can keep Isamu alive. He will remain alive in our hearts and minds forever.

Isamu was a beloved son, a loving brother, a loyal friend and so much more. He has touched countless lives and has helped more people than we will ever know. To quote the movie "Coco":

*Remember me
Though I have to say goodbye
Remember me
Don't let it make you cry
For ever if I'm far away
I hold you in my heart
I sing a secret song to you
Each night we are apart
Remember me
Though I have to travel far
Remember me
Each time you hear a sad guitar
Know that I'm with you
The only way that I can be
Until you're in my arms again
Remember me*

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