

DEAN

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WHO

DEAN EARL WRIGHT IV, born 1:13 PM EDT, Friday 8 April 1988 in Frederick, Maryland, U. S. A. Weight 3.5 kilograms = 7 pounds 11 ounces. Second child of Dean Earl Wright III and Karina Girsdansky Wright.

HOW

Two different methods of computation, one based on an ultrasound scan, had given two different estimates for the date of birth of the second child of my stepdaughter Karina. When the first date, 4 April, passed, we took it for granted that we'd have to wait for the 18th - which would also have gratified Karina and Dean, as it would have made the baby an anniversary present.

We were therefore a bit surprised when, on the morning of the 8th, Dean phoned us and told us that Karina had gone to the hospital. His second call came that afternoon, with the information that the baby had been born. Furthermore, though Diana had been born by caesarian section, the new arrival had come on the scene normally - a thing that would have been impossible as little as ten years ago. The new caesarian techniques made this possible.

There were, however, a few problems. The baby was born hand first - which is unusual, but for which there is precedence dating all the way back to Genesis 28:38. The cord was looped twice around his neck, so it was a rather tricky matter for a while, but everything went well.

Last month when I reported Michael's birth I mentioned that Anthony had been allowed in to see his mother in the hospital. Diana, who is only 16½ months old, was allowed to visit her mother in the hospital also. This is a good idea to get the family together as soon as possible, though Diana had been rather upset at her mother's apparent desertion, and had to be reassured. She already knows the word "baby".

Karina and the baby were out of the hospital two days after he was born, and everyone is now doing well at home. She and Dean are now faced with the problem of what to call Dean Earl Wright IV around the house. "Junior" will not do, as he is not a "junior". There is already one Dean in the house. We are sure that they'll think of something.

In case you'd like to send congratulations, their address is 422 Shannon Court, Frederick, Md. 21701. We may get down there to see them shortly, or they may bring the newly enlarged family up to this region to introduce Dean Earl Wright IV both to us and to Dean Earl Wright II, who lives in the New Jersey exurbs. In all probability this visit will encompass, as did Diana's first trip, the new baby's ritual sprinkling at the church attended by Dean's father.

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