Mom Expecting Identical Triplets Gets Surprise When Doctor Shouts, "More Feet!"

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Kimberly Fugate was expecting identical triplets. After a grueling labor process and the birth of three children, Fugate was ready for some much-needed rest. But rest would have to wait as the doctor shouted, "More feet!"



"They had got the three out and they said, 'More feet,'" the Mississippi mother said. Fugate is now the proud mother of a statistical improbability – four identical newborn babies.

A fourth identical quadruplet had somehow been missed by numerous ultrasounds,

managing to keep her existence hidden until she popped out behind three of her identical sisters last week at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

"It's one surprise after another," Fugate said.

The Fugate four, named Kenleigh Rosa, Kristen Sue, Kayleigh Pearl and Kelsey

Roxanne after family members, arrived three months earlier than expected, and just a day before their mother's 42nd birthday.

All four are currently doing well in neonatal

intensive care after being born nearly 13 weeks premature. The girls will need to remain in observation, but Kimberly says she hopes to have them out by early May, on their original due date.

"I haven't been able to hold them yet," Fugate said. "It will be very exciting to get to take them home and love them."

Dr. James Bofill, a professor of maternal fetal medicine at the hospital said the odds of conceiving identical quadruplets is astonishingly rare, especially in a case like Fugate's, where she became pregnant without the use of fertilization drugs or treatments.

"The odds of spontaneous quadruplets is one

in every 729,000 live births," Bofill said. "The chances of having identical quadruplets [are] almost incalculable."

Kimberly Fugate and her husband Craig are also parents to another daughter Katelyn, 10. The pair have set up a Facebook page to keep relatives updated on the quadruplets' progress.