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Surrogate mum dies after giving birth

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A mother of two has died shortly after giving birth to a surrogate baby.

Natasha Caltabiano died 90 minutes after giving birth to a baby boy on New Year's Eve.

Today her mother, Marilyn, blamed surrogacy for her daughter's death, saying childbirth should not be entered into lightly.

Mrs Caltabiano said the mother-of-two had developed high blood pressure and suffered a ruptured aorta after the baby was delivered.

She told the Daily Mail: "Surrogacy caused Natasha's death. People must realise that childbirth isn't something you enter into lightly. It's still dangerous but that is something surrogate agencies don't go into.

"Natasha didn't want any more children herself but she comes from a big family and she felt for people who couldn't have children. Her children had brought her a lot of pleasure so she wanted other parents to share some of that joy."

The agency with which Miss Caltabiano was involved, Surrogacy UK, issued a statement saying: "It is with much regret that Surrogacy UK must announce the unfortunate death of one of our surrogate mothers, Natasha Caltabiano.

"This tragic incident occurred on December 31 2004. A post mortem was carried out on Wednesday January 5. The cause of death was from a condition called abdominal aortic aneurysm.

"We are all deeply shocked with this news and our thoughts are now with the families of all involved.

"Surrogacy UK is doing all it can to provide support for everyone involved."

Mrs Caltabiano said that the 29-year-old, who lived near Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, had given birth 13 hours after going into hospital.

She added that she had been called at 6.30pm on New Year's Eve by her daughter's fiance, Paul Brazier, who said she had had an 11lb baby.

"An hour after that she had a heart attack and a few minutes after eight she was dead," Mrs Caltabiano told the newspaper. "Everyone I had rung earlier I had to ring back and tell them Natasha had died. I still haven't taken it in."

She claimed that the baby had been handed over to his adoptive parents a week later.

Today Mr Brazier told the Press Association he was too upset to talk about the death.

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