

pregnant? who, me?

Stomach-stapled gal didn't know she was expecting till a few hours before she delivered

A 35-YEAR-OLD woman got the surprise of her life when she learned she was pregnant — then just hours later gave birth to a full-term baby.

"To say it was a major surprise is an understatement — I was shocked, totally shocked," Dana Goff told *The ENQUIRER*.

After the Texas mom gave birth to her first child Steven, now 14, doctors diagnosed her with premature menopause — so it never occurred to her or her husband that she could be pregnant.

But a year ago, 365-pound Dana underwent gastric bypass surgery, and unknowingly became pregnant three months later.

Dana had begun packing on weight as a teen after physicians prescribed steroids for a rare blood disorder. Doctors blamed both her premature menopause and her obesity on the steroids.

"Last year, when I hit an all-time high of 365 pounds, I decided to have bypass surgery," said Dana.

The pounds began disappearing — but then something very odd happened.

Dana began to experience symptoms of

pregnancy! Baffled, she attributed the symptoms — including movements in her abdomen — to her body adjusting to the drastic surgery.

"I told my bypass surgeon about it," recalled Dana, "and he said it was normal, just my food digesting. After 15 years without a period, I never thought in a million years I could be pregnant!"

MYSTERY

With the surgery behind her, Dana returned to her job as a nighttime security guard, and her weight continued to drop. But when she reached 245 pounds, her weight loss mysteriously halted.

"Now I know that I was still losing my fat weight — but my actual pounds stayed the same, because I was gaining baby weight!"

"After awhile, I started



SURPRISE! Steven, Dana and Steven Jr. pose with their unexpected "gift from God," little Lynnsie. Dana thought she just had a knot in her stomach.

noticing a knot in my stomach. I was afraid I had eaten something that got stuck, or had some sort of blockage.

"My girlfriends asked if I could be pregnant, and I said, 'No, of course not.'"

On March 4, Dana took a home pregnancy test just to make sure and was stunned when the results came out positive. Although she was certain the results were a mistake, she made an appointment with a specialist at The Woman's Hospital

of Texas in Houston.

"As the obstetrician gave me an ultrasound, her mouth fell open," Dana told *The ENQUIRER*. "She told me, 'Not only are you pregnant, you are full-term, 38-weeks pregnant. The knot you've been feeling in your stomach is the baby's butt.'"

"I couldn't believe it when she added, 'I need you over in labor and delivery right now.' I had no cramps, no labor symptoms whatsoever — but she told me, 'You're delivering today — you're already dilated.'"

She called her husband Steven, a welder, and her mom. Both rushed to her side.

"But by the time they arrived, I was already starting to push the baby out. The whole thing started at four in the afternoon, and my baby was born at 9:46 that evening."

Dana and Steven named their miracle baby Lynnsie Shai-Madison

Goff. Doctors tested 6-pound, 4-ounce Lynnsie for every possible problem — and a delighted Dana told *The ENQUIRER* her baby checked out 100 percent perfect.

LUCKY WOMAN

"I am the happiest woman in the world — and one of the luckiest," beamed the new mom.

"Steven was in shock for days, but now he's ecstatic that he's finally got a little girl."

When Dana got home from the hospital, her mother, in-laws and friends were waiting on her driveway, with a sign that read: "Emergency Baby Shower."

Dana, who's happily down to 215 pounds and still dropping, concluded: "We never imagined people could be so kind and caring. It's truly amazing. And the birth of Lynnsie is an absolute miracle — a gift from God."

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LOSIN' IT: Dana shortly after her gastric bypass surgery, when she tipped the scales at 365 pounds (left), and (right) the day after delivering her baby, more than 100 pounds lighter.

