

My name is Angela Turlington and 14 months ago my husband, our son Dillan and I welcomed our newest addition to our family - a beautiful baby girl named Haley Dawn.

My story started with excellent pre-natal visits with Jennifer Rector, our midwife.

My husband and I decided on a water birth at home because of the bad experiences we encountered at a hospital with our son. We wanted to enjoy the experience of welcoming our baby into this world.

On November 6, 2008 at 4:30 in the morning my husband and I woke to a loud popping sound - like a big balloon. To my surprise my water had broken, although I thought I had peed the bed. (My doctor before broke my water at the hospital). My husband was frantic at first, trying to decide what to do first, and not quite awake. As my contractions started I called Jeni to tell her it was time. My husband and I are procrastinators and did not have the tub filled with water at this point, so it was a race against time. My Mom and Dad made the calls that the baby was coming to my sisters (I have five) and a brother. My dad and my husband were trying to fill the tub and make it the right temperature. Meanwhile my mom was warming towels in the dryer and I was busy breathing and staying calm while in labor. I was used to the pain, although painful it was similar to my experience with my son, with no pain medication. I concentrated on Haley and what I had to do to Get her OUT as quick as possible. Although I was in labor it was relaxing just focusing on breathing and letting my body do what it was supposed to do. Towards the end I slipped into the tub of warm water and just tried to relax, and I felt I needed to push. Five pushes later at 6:32 in the morning Haley Dawn Turlington was born. She was 7 pounds 8 ounces. She was slightly purple in color and wide eyed. My husband and I held her for a long time just staring at her in amazement at God's great gift he gave us that day. She is truly a blessing. Jeni Rector made me feel confident and safe. It was a great experience and my husband would not have changed anything about that morning, thank you Jeni for the experience, you truly have a gift of bringing babies into the world the way God intended.

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