

2nd Minneapolis sextuplet dies

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MINNEAPOLIS - Two of the sextuplets born premature and underweight last weekend to a Minneapolis couple have died and the remaining four are struggling for life.

In a statement released Friday, the Children's Hospital of Minneapolis said Tryg Morrison died Thursday night, a day after his brother, Bennet Ryan, The St. Paul Pioneer Press reported.

The four boys and two girls were born 14 weeks early at the city's Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis to Brianna and Ryan Morrison, with weights ranging from 11 ounces to 1.3 pounds.

The couple, each 24, issued a statement after Bennet's death.

"Our family wishes to express gratitude for the support of our families, friends and churches, as well as the staffs of Abbott Northwestern Hospital and Children's of Minnesota. Our faith remains strong in the midst of mourning our son," the statement said.

Medical experts say babies born after just 22 weeks gestation face life-threatening complications and often don't survive, the newspaper said.

The mother conceived through fertility drugs. The sextuplets would have been born in early October if the pregnancy had been full term.

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