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Family names baby after 'amazing midwife'

Camden and Campbelltown Hospital midwife Joanne Ritchard has delivered all four of Daryn and Julie Mitford's babies – and this time around has received a special accolade from the family.

The Mitford family's fourth baby, born in November, was named Aubree Joanne in honour of the much-loved midwife.

Ms Ritchard said she was honoured by the gesture of using Joanne as Aubree's middle name.

"I feel blessed to have shared the pregnancy and birthing journey with the Mitford family and was honoured Aubree now has my name as her middle name," Ms Ritchard said.

The south-western Sydney family was part of the Camden midwifery group practice which provides continuity of care before, during and after birth.

This caseload approach allows the same pair of midwives to see the soon-to-be-parents at antenatal appointments, during their labour and post-delivery, meaning there is always a familiar face in the room.

"Joanne has delivered our other babies so it was a no-brainer to have her involved in the arrival of our fourth child at Campbelltown Hospital," Mr Mitford said.

"She is the most amazing midwife you will ever meet in your life. We are very privileged to have her deliver our babies.

"She cried when we told her Aubree's middle name was Joanne."

Aubree Joanne entered the world a couple of weeks late, in typical Mitford-fashion.

"All of our babies arrived later than their due date. Jo knew that, so we were able to wait and deliver the way we wanted."

Mr Mitford said Arthur, 6, Phoebe, 5 and Olive, 3, have been lapping up cuddles with their little sister since she arrived home.

Campbelltown Hospital General Manager Alison Derrett said the caseload program was a popular option for women.

"No matter what model of care you opt to receive at Campbelltown Hospital, our staff will go above and beyond to ensure all your needs are met," Ms Derrett said.

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