

Alison Leland delivered twin boys in an Atlanta hospital Sunday, hours after accepting an award for her late husband, U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, in conjunction with ceremonies honoring Martin Luther King's birthday.

The infants - one weighing 3 pounds, the other 2 pounds, 11 ounces - were about 10 weeks premature.

"They're a bit small but doing very well," said Jim Driscoll, a spokesman for Grady Memorial Hospital. He said the infants, not yet named, are in the special care nursery.

Alison Leland was also doing well, Driscoll said. She was about six weeks pregnant when her husband was killed in an Aug. 7 plane crash in Ethiopia while on a hunger relief mission.

Mrs. Leland, 31, was admitted to Grady about 5 a.m. Sunday and delivered around noon, Driscoll said.

On Saturday night, she had attended ceremonies to accept a "Salute to Greatness" award presented posthumously to her husband by the King Center for Non-Violent Social Change.

She was to have returned to Houston Sunday afternoon, said former City Councilman Rodney Ellis, a one-time Leland aide and close friend who was in Atlanta for the King celebration.

Ellis said Gaston Leland, the congressman's brother, flew to Atlanta from Houston Sunday.

Mrs. Leland, who attended Spelman College in Atlanta and worked there for two years after college, was visited by an aunt and a cousin who live in the city. Ellis said former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young and the Rev. Jesse Jackson visited the hospital.

Grady is a large public and teaching hospital associated with Emory University School of Medicine. The hospital specializes in care for high-risk and premature infants, Driscoll said.

Mrs. Leland, an investment banker, considered running in the Nov. 7 special election to replace her husband, but decided against it because of concern for her son, Jarrett, and her pregnancy.

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