

Jeanette Kuhn's folks flooded house

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My folks live in the Czech village area and were the last house on their block to get flooded out. They lived in a split level house and their basement and some of the family room and bathroom got flooded. Dad came over the day before the flood hit and brought over some meat they had to put in to our freezer. The next day mom called to tell us they were moving in with us so they brought over more meat from their freezer. When they came with their meat we did not have enough room for some pizza so we had pizza for two days. I love pizza but... Good thing they did because their freezer was in the basement. The freezer was upside down in the dirty water. That does not count the canned goods cabinet which my grandpa made since I could remember... It was over turned and all the cans labels were not on the cans at that point. A couple days before the flood came my niece and nephew came and helped the folks take all their furniture from the family room and put it in the living room.

When they could get the water out they had to throw out a lot of things including a new freezer and more things that grandpa Drilling (a carpenter) made for the folks. We could not do anything to help the folks except answer our phone which hardly rang the 31 years of our marriage until the flood and they received lots of calls. My brother and sister in law came up from Texas and they stayed in a trailer in our back yard which was illegal but we did not know that until they left for their home 4 weeks later. It was so strange to have 4 extra people in our house. When the folks moved back to their house they lived in the kitchen, living room area and upstairs in the bedrooms and the bathroom. It took them until Thanksgiving to get everything done by the city code inspection which was something else because my dad could of done 95% of the work himself.

My aunt and cousin came to see us from Minnesota and they showed them the pictures of the damage and it made me sick to my stomach but I had to watch it with them.