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Alan Buckpitt

## **Before Photos**







## **About Della:**

Della is a 65-year old widow of Air Force Veteran William "Bill" Jackson who was living in a home that is in jeopordy of falling apart around her.

Della's husband Bill served in the Air Force from 1976-1980 before working for Packard Bell and Dewalt. In 2004, he began suffering from congestive heart failure and worked until his heart failure became too severe and Della became his full-time caretaker. He took his last breath in their North Sacramento home of 20 years on February 2, 2015.

During the 8 years Della spent as her husband's caretaker, making the needed repairs on her home took second place. Due to her income, Della was unable to make needed repairs on her roof, siding, and porch and her home became in jeopordy of caving in around her.

Says Della, "My wonderful husband took his last breath in this home and I want to stay here until it's my turn. It's the only thing I have left of him. It's hard enough living without the love of your life and living alone, but it's even scarier when you have to worry that a storm will come and tear down your home with you in it."

With the help of hundreds of volunteers and our generous sponsors, we were able to rebuild Della's hope and home. Della contributed sweat equity to the project and will pay back 20 percent of the project costs through a zero interest loan from Habitat.





