

LOST AND FOUND

The scene was the same all across southern Missouri and Illinois. Stunned survivors searched desperately for their loved ones, clawing through rubble to reach those who were trapped. And still the tornado roared on. It crossed into Indiana, hitting the towns of Griffin, Owensville, and Princeton and killing four more people.

And then, finally, the tornado began to slow and shrink. At about 4:30 P.M., the monster tornado faded to a ghostly swirl. It took its last deadly breaths over a field in southern Indiana before finally disappearing.

At last, the Tri-State Tornado was dead.

Never before had a single tornado stayed on the ground for so long—three and a half hours. Never before had one tornado killed so many and

