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... these include wrench and American hairless terriers bred by Bonnie and Mike Turner, as well as a photo of one of the dogs and a child, were found in Euharlee. By Ryan Smith / RN-T

... ..The 150-mph winds of the tornado that cut a seven-mile path of destruction along the Floyd-Polk county line Saturday scattered debris and pieces of people's lives across North Georgia.

The Aragon home of Bonnie and Mike Turner was among those destroyed. She was killed and her husband was seriously injured.

Photos and personal memorabilia from the Turner home have turned up in Cornelia, Lula and Euharlee.

They're small-but-treasured reminders of life before the tragedy.

Saturday night Denise Caudell and her three children were returning home, while her husband Wesley was at work. They live in Cornelia, more than 120 miles from Polk County.

In their driveway she discovered a snapshot of a boat that looks to be Bonnie Turner's namesake.



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e Jean" and Aragon, Ga.

This photo was found in Euharless. Contributed photo.

Caudell said his wife called and asked him where Aragon was and he told her "over near Rockmart."

"Then she saw the news about the tornado," said Caudell. "So we were curious if that might be where the photo might have come from."

Caudell talked to Turner's nephew, Kenny Jackson, who confirmed it is the Turners' photo. Caudell plans to return the photo to the family.

Sunday, about 15 miles south of Cornelia in Lula, Jim Fountain was walking his dog when he found a photo in the road.

It was a picture of a girl on a white horse. On the back was written, "Kelly Turner, 1975." Other than a small rip, he said, the photo is in good shape.

He said he did a Google search and saw news stories about the tornado and Turner's death. He clicked on a link to the Turner's kennel Web site and saw photos with Kelly there. "I was pretty positive at that point," said Fountain.

Kelly is Bonnie and Mike Turner's daughter, Jackson confirmed.

Mike and Libbie Boyd live in Euharlee, about 20 minutes from the Turner home. For the past two days, Mike has been roaming around their 200-acre farm cleaning up what the storm left in its wake.

"It threw debris all over the place," he said. In its midst, Boyd found photos and dog-show ribbons.

One photo is a small child with a spotted terrier nestled in bed with her. The terrier caught the Boyds' attention.

"I told my husband that was the strangest looking dog I had ever seen," Libbie Boyd wrote in an e-mail to the newspaper. "I got online this morning looking for pictures of these rare dogs and went to the Turners' kennel site. It is one of their dogs!"

The Boyds also found several first- and second-place ribbons in American hairless terrier categories, evidence of the Turners' reputation as top breeders for that type of dog.

"I couldn't believe all that stuff dropped here," said Mike Boyd, who also said he's found a couple of tattered teddy bears. "It's heartbreaking because you know they came from somebody's home that was hit," he said.

The Turners' nephew is amazed the photos were blown around the state and are being found and returned.

He said the family is glad pieces of the Turners' lives are being recovered.

Jackson said progress is being made in the cleanup effort and said the family is touched by the help from all those near and far.

“We appreciate everybody’s concern and the support we’ve gotten,” he said. “It’s good to see the good side of folks.”