



I. Donald (Don) Turner, the founding president of [BRIDGE Housing Corporation](#) in San Francisco, held a Ph.D. in city planning from Harvard University and taught at Harvard, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of California at Berkeley. Don was a pioneer and leader in the field of affordable housing and a "shirtsleeves architect" who helped poor people around the world learn to build their own homes. Don died in April 1996 in a plane crash, along with U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and others, headed for Bosnia to advise on national housing issues.

Don is shown here in 1992 working with Nelson Mandela of the African National Congress on housing policy in South Africa.



Don was a great friend and mentor, and is missed by all who knew and respected him.

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