Dr. Larry Turner, Associate Dean for Extension and Director of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, died in the Lexington crash of Comair Flight 5191 on August 27, 2006. He was on his way to an extension conference in Puerto Rico at the time of his death. Here, we share some of the tributes paid to him. The College and University continue to mourn Dr. Turner's loss even as we move ahead, inspired by his life and his leadership.

We will remember Dr. Turner as a modest and easygoing man with a quiet self-confidence and a powerful sense of purpose that made him an innovative and aggressive leader.

—Scott Smith, Dean, College of Agriculture

He was able to bridge university to university and program to program in a gentle but effective way.

—Harold Benson, Director of Land Grant Programs, Kentucky State University

He would lead, and you’d follow.

—Kelly Woods, 4-H agent, Oldham County

He could see what was possible, and then he’d go chase it.

—Wayne Turner, brother

He advanced national goals... and cast a national light on high-priority issues in Kentucky... Larry was quiet, thoughtful, polite, and effective. He also was disarmingly funny.

—Colien Hefferan, administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

A thousand Larry Turners could change the world.

—Tim Philpot, fellow church member

He was one of my favorites. Why wouldn’t he be? That smile, that gentle nature, caring passion, his professionalism. He was a very special man. Rest in peace, my friend. You will be missed, but fondly, so very fondly, remembered.

—Lee Todd, UK President