



Speech by
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Thank you, Paul, for your heart warming message. I am not used to

such kind words, for throughout my life, I have been the recipient of numerous labels, many of which were not as complimentary as yours. There have been people who have crossed my path and have had much difficulty in "removing the boulders of dogma," as you called them from their minds. When they failed to absorb what I was trying to teach them they labeled me a "fertilizer decorator," but that is their limited truth.

As Paul so thoroughly explained, planting spiritual needs can be difficult work. So, at times I enjoy a change of pace. And since all of us are a combination of the physical and ethereal bodies, it was natural for me to switch from planting spiritual seeds to planting physical seeds, and thus Spirit Memorial Gardens was created.

Throughout my life, I have had a constant companion, one who has accompanied me through the infrequent triumphs and numerous despairs of my life. He was always there when I needed him, without complaint, without judging my actions, to assist me in dealing with my problems. I am speaking of my Spirit teacher and friend, Chief Lone Eagle.

Lone Eagle was the chief of the Tuscarora Indian Tribe, that lived near the shores of North Carolina. He lived approximately 400 years ago. Spirit has explained to me that in a past life, I was also a Tuscarora Indian, living under Chief Lone Eagle's leadership.

When it was time for me to reincarnate, and be born into this present life, Lone Eagle agreed to be my "guardian angel," my spirit control, the one to watch over me and guide me in the mission I would be achieving in this lifetime. My dear Indian friend, Lone Eagle, has supremely fulfilled his promise of protecting me, for if it were not for him, I would not be speaking with you today.

It is to commemorate his paramount dedication to me and to enshrine the countless deeds he has done on my behalf, that I planted this little garden, with all the love and gratitude that is within my being, to pay homage to my constant companion, Lone Eagle.

The spirit: of Lone Eagle is very humble. He does not wish to be glorified or deified by anyone especially me. The Gifts of the Spirit Church has been open to an unending flow of people who have journeyed here, during the past ten years to receive spiritual help and guidance from the Spirit side of life. Chief Lone Eagle wants to share this memorial with the countless number of spirit people who have come forward to help provide this inspiring enlightenment.

To all of you thus gathered, on this date: July 9, 1987, the tenth anniversary of Gifts of the Spirit Church, bare witness to the establishment of: 'THE SPIRIT MEMORIAL GARDEN,' being dedicated to honor the deeds of Chief Lone Eagle, and all the Spirits of the Higher Light.