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Dear Chief Mankiller,

Seeing you, asking about a spark of fire were special. By now thoughts of speaking at ASU in Boone, NC may be put aside but I will remember you.

I neglected to introduce myself because I am one of many; I apologize. I should have taken a moment to tell you my name is Virginia Robards.

You have been one of my heroes and since 1983 I have tried to keep up with you but I got lost. (The radio carried news of your accident, but nothing more.) Finding my way was a gift. So was seeing you in Boone.

I wanted to linger that evening but other people wished to speak to you. It would be a long night.

You will always come to mind when I hear John Trudell's "wildfires." I will try to focus on one issue as you advised.

My prayers are also for you.

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