

The Milwaukee Ofrenda

The spaces we inhabit while alive become imbued with our living energy, hence, Milwaukee's spirits are a permanent part of the city. All of the people and places who poured love and life from their hearts and hands and minds are still here. If we close our eyes and allow ourselves, we can hear their voices as clearly as the sound of Lake Michigan lapping against the rocks or see their faces as crisply as we see the Hoan Bridge stretch across the sky like an all-yellow rainbow.

This ofrenda was made by Milwaukeeans for Milwaukeeans – to honor some of the incredible people and places who contributed to this city before passing on. Of course, it only represents a fraction of those worthy of altar space, so please add your beloved Brew City person or place by writing his or her or its name on a piece of yellow paper.

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Milwaukee is a spiritual place. We are all a part of it, now and forever.

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