

Gigi owner Michael D. Sweazey dies



Michael D. Sweazey. Photo by Danielle.

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Long-time owner of Gigi's Bar in Detroit, Michael D. Sweazey, 51, died Nov. 16 after a year's battle with cancer. He died in the arms of his life-partner of 28 years, Steven McAfee, at 3:30 a.m. while on the way to the hospital.

Sweazey and McAfee were two of six owners of Gigi's. Sweazey had been with the bar over 30 years, and McAfee joined

the bar three years later. "I met Michael, two days later we were together, and we've been together ever since," said McAfee in an interview from their new home in Canton. They had moved together in September to a new home from their previous residence in Garden City.

McAfee said that Sweazey died on his birthday. "He was born Nov. 16, 1953."

"Michael was a very outgoing person, the kind everyone

liked to be around," said Renee Peters, a friend of Sweazey's for over 25 years. Peters is a bartender at Gigi's and is a former Miss Gigi's.

Sweazey was raised in Garden City, and in addition to McAfee is survived by his parents, Ken and Mabel Sweazey, one brother, Douglas Sweazey, and two sisters, Darlene (Sweazey) Moore and Sharry Sweazey. Services were held Nov. 20 in Dearborn.