

# Bar employee remembered

Friends, customers and colleagues of a beloved longtime bar employee are mourning his loss after his death March 7.

Tony Maniaci, 28, was a manager at Inuendo and had previously worked as a bartender at Pronto, Menjo's and Backstreet. He died after battling an illness all winter.

Maniaci was a popular figure in Detroit's gay nightlife scene and his Facebook page has been inundated with kind messages, describing him as a friendly, happy person who many counted as their friend. Maniaci also transcended Detroit's often segregated community, and was very popular among Inuendo's mostly black customers.



His nickname there was Boi Tony.

An overflow crowd attended a funeral service March 10 in Warren. A memorial at Como's was planned for March 11.