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Larry Maasdam

Larry Maasdam, 25, of Titusville, Fla., formerly of Sully, died in a skydiving accident Friday, Oct. 27, in Titusville.

He was the co-owner of Titusville Skydive Center.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the first Reformed

Church of Sully, with the Rev. Roger Punt officiating. Burial was in Sully Cemetery, with the Van Dyk Duven Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

He was the son of Lawrence W. and Deloris F. Jansen Maasdam and was born Jan. 25, 1970, in Grinnell. He attended Sully Christian Grade School in Sully and graduated from Lynnville-Sully High School in 1988.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in July 1988 and served as a navigator and radar operator. He was also a rescue swimmer. He was stationed at Norfolk, Va., and was the first enlistee to fly into Russian territory.

Following his discharge in 1993, he obtained his instrumental and commercial pilot's ratings and eventually earned his twin-engine rating. He and a friend Erich Fleming, operated Larry's Giant Subs subway shop in Titusville until opening the Titusville Skydive Center in July of this year.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Deloris and Ronald McKeag of Sully; his father and stepmother, Lawrence and Melanie Maasdam of Clarion; one brother, Craig of Sully; one sister, Julie Van Wyk of Sully; a half-brother, Ryan Maasdam of Clarion; his maternal grandmother, Pauline Jansen of Sully; his paternal grandfather, Leonard Maasdam of Pella; three stepbrothers and two stepsisters.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Curtis; his maternal grandfather, Will Jansen; his maternal grandmother, Gertrude Maasdam; and his stepmother, Anita Maasdam.