

**Marvin Lou Vanek II**, son of Marvin Lou (1930-2006) and Sally Elizabeth (Dancy) Vanek, was born 18 December 1959. He graduated from Okemos High School in 1978.

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## 34 area students 'tops' in math

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Thirty-four Lansing area students scored among the top 1,000 students in the state in the recent Michigan Math Prize Competition.

**THAT ENTITLED** them to compete in the second part of the 21st annual contest, for which results are not yet in.

As finalists, they placed in the top 4.6 percent of those who entered throughout the state and will be honored at a dinner and scholarship presentation next month at Eastern Michigan University.

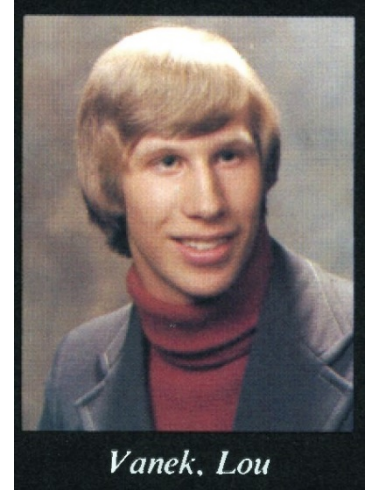
**THIRTEEN STUDENTS** from Lansing are Jeff Holmes and Claude Watson, Eastern High School; Connie Whitford, Hill High

School; Chuck Bekman, Richard Brauker, Larry Ciolek, Greg Crater, Anthony Drakey, David Edmunds, Eric Edmunds and Carolyn Kaye, Sexton High School; Greg Deitrick, Lansing Catholic Central, and Joseph Burns, Waverly High School.

Six East Lansing High School students who placed as finalists are Robert Swanson, Greg Gullahorn, Brian Feldman, Chuck Carrol, Keith Wong and Bill Jeffrey.

Okemos High School saw 14 of its students win the honor. They are Michael Robertson, Marvin, Vanek, Michael Izenson, Ronald Ellis, Gary Miracle, Carolyn Logan, James Tolbert, Nelson Huldung, Joel Marks, Martin Bredeck, Susan Ray, Ronald Jones, Alden Peterson and Marc Thibaudeau.

**IN HASLETT** High School, Andy Lutsch also qualified for the second part of the contest.



*Vanek, Lou*

*1978 Okemos Tomahawk*

SCHOLARSHIPS	
The National Association of Secondary School Principals Scholarship .....	Allen M. Omoto (alternate)
Urban League Meijer's Scholarship .....	LaDonna Combs
Lansing Community College Trustee Scholarship .....	Marvin L. Vanek
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### **Okemos**

» **Vanek, M. Lou II, 51, of Okemos, died Aug. 1. Services have been held. Arrangements by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, East Chapel, East Lansing.**

## DRAFTING

It happened one morning, the dawn of architecture, when Mr. Fletcher saw the first shadow of a pencil. He drew an outline of it. He then made a brief sketch. And from there, he constructed a working drawing, three-point perspective, and blow-up 8" x 10" detail. After that, everything else was inevitable. The pen was given a complete analysis and lobotomy.

Many a hunk of masking tape was given the "acid test" in order to see how long it would remain in the same room before leaving on the tail of a student's jacket. (By now, of course, Mr. Fletcher had shifted his center of study into the drafting room.) The pinnacle was reached, however. Mr. Fletcher took it (the pencil) into his own hands and drew a single-family-unit-residential dwelling. After that fateful success, henceforth, Okemos's mechanical drawing and architecture classes were institutionalized.

Lou Vanek



Lou died 1 August 2011, Michigan. Arrangements were handled by Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes, Lansing. Internment was Deepdale Memorial Park, Eaton County, Michigan. "Beloved Son"