James Dennis Fletcher Okemos

November 12, 1945 - September 10, 2014



Jim D. Fletcher, age 68, of Okemos passed away Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at Sparrow Health Systems.

Jim was born on November 12, 1945 in Mansfield, OH, the son of Robert and Martha (Harrison) Fletcher. He graduated from Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge Louisiana, received a B.A. from Louisiana

State University, and an M.A. from Michigan State University. On June 22, 1974 he married Maribeth Gientke in Livonia, MI. He

James Dennis Fletcher, 28, of 1668 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing, and Mary Elizabeth Gientke, 22, of Livonia.

retired from teaching Industrial Arts at Okemos High School after 40 years. Jim was a

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Skiers a Sailor

Jim Fletcher, out the whole season with a broken leg, made his return to sailing Sunday in the Lake Lansing Sailing Club's handicap race a successful one.

No, he didn't win it, but the E as t Lansingite guided his Flying Dutchmen to a third place finish. He broke his leg in a winter skiing accident.

Holt's Larry Bauman was the champion in a Finn, while Walt DeGruyter of Haslett copped second place honors in his Flying Dutchmen. member of the Lansing Sailing Club, the New Horizons Band, the Vintage Volkswagen Club of Mid Michigan and the Knights of Columbus.

Jim is survived by his wife Maribeth, children; Joe (Elena Rue) Fletcher, Vicky (Mamadou Traore) Fletcher, Jane (Gregory Piton Saint Martin) Fletcher and Eddie Fletcher, his grandchildren; Boubacar James and Seyni Elizabeth and his sister Constance Fletcher.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday September 19,

2014 at 12 noon at St. Martha's Catholic Church in Okemos with Rev. Fr. Jonathan Wehrle officiating. Family will receive friends at the church on Friday from 10 A.M until time of service at the church. The family is being served by Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Laingsburg Chapel.