

Pine City through the lens of Bob Thiry



Sporting Events



Around Town



Weddings



Church Events

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Robert George Thiry was born February 9, 1925. He was the third child of nine born to Lydia and Leo Thiry.



The Leo & Lydia Thiry Family
Back row: Robert, Leo, Harold, Dick, Gerry, Allen.
Front row: Bernice, Eleanor, Leo, Lydia, Alice Jean.



He grew up on the family farm south of Pine City.

In 1945 Bob entered the Navy and while stationed at Sampson Naval Base in New York, Bob met Ruth Felker. They were married on Thanksgiving Day, 1946.

After Bob's time in the Navy ended, he moved his young family back to the Pine City area.



In 1949 after attending Tommy Bright's school of Floral Design Bob opened the Flower Box.

Bob Thiry arrived here Saturday of last week from Chicago, where he completed a course at the Brights School of Floral design. He is opening a floral shop here Saturday.

From the Pine Pioneer Piker April 7, 1949



Flower Box delivery van, early 1950s.

*Flowers for
April*



**Spirit of Easter
For Your Home**

Bring the spirit of Easter right into your home with a bouquet of dewy, fresh flowers from our florist shop. Fresh cut flowers or a blossoming plant rich in natural beauty add so much to the atmosphere and appearance of your home. Come in and choose your favorites from our unsurpassed selection of breath-taking beauty—and they are inexpensive, too.

The Flower Box

Tel. 592 Pine City

From the Pine Pioneer Piker
April 14, 1949

The Flower Box grew and so did Bob's family.

Flowers
SAY IT BEST

CORSAGES
WEDDINGS
BIRTHDAYS
ANNIVERSARIES
POTTERY
SPRAYS
PLANTS

FLOWERS
TELEGRAPHED
EVERYWHERE

PHONE
592

If No Answer Call
43W

BOB THIRY
Graduate of Tommy Brights
School of Floral Design

THE FLOWER BOX
Located in the Heart of the City
HWY. 61 PINE CITY

From the 1953 phone book.

EASTER
Flowers

- * Potted Plants
- * Bouquets
- * Corsages

The Flower Box
Phone 592 Pine City

From the
Pine Pioneer Piker
April 6, 1950



Michael, David, Rob, and Ruth Thiry



As Bob's family grew he sought additional ways to grow his income. Photography was a natural fit with the florist business.



Encouraged by Don Tatting of Hinckley, Bob invested in some photography equipment and started taking photos. By 1955 photos were part of The Flower Box listing in the phone book.

Flower Box The
Floral & Photography-----592

From the 1955 phone book.



1956 Pine County Parade

Photography became an important part of the business.

Another parade entry



FLOWER BOX THE
YOUR FTD FLORIST
Complete Wedding Service
FLOWERS & PHOTOS
Funeral Arrangements - Cemetery Boxes
Photography Services
BOB THIRY - OWNER
241-6 St Pine City-----629-2045

From the the 1963 phone book.

Naturally weddings were a big part of Bob's photo business and he took many, many wedding photos over the years.







Bob took pictures of milestone events at local churches.





Civic events were recorded.





Sporting events were documented.





Changes around town were noted.







School events were captured.



The Minneapolis Star paid Bob to photograph events like accidents.



Bob took thousands of photographs during his career. We are grateful for the unique view of Pine City history they present.

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