

**2005**  
**Fridley Hall of Fame Inductee**

**Robert Schroer**

Bob was born on February 16, 1935 in Hastings, MN. He went to grade school in Hastings and Farmington and was a graduate of St. Louis Park High School.

Bob has enjoyed gardening since he was a pre-teen. His family grew lots of vegetables and the surplus was sold door to door by Bob and his brother. As a teenager, Bob worked for Green Giant Co., Witts Market, and Stillman Foods.

Bob married Kathy Blomquist (now deceased) of Almelund, MN in 1955. They moved to Fridley in 1957 where they raised three children, Mike, Michelle and Melissa.

Bob opened BoB's Produce Ranch on East River Road in the spring of 1959. It operated as a seasonal roadside market until 1969 when they moved to the present location and expanded into a year round market, garden center, etc. In 1991 BoB's remodeled and expanded and became the largest market of its kind in Minnesota.

In the early 1970's, Bob was president of the Fridley Chamber of Commerce, member of the Knights of Columbus, past president and board member of the Twin City Fruit Association, and past member of the Golden Gopher Basketball Support Group.

BoB's has helped in sponsorships from Little League baseball to hockey, to basketball and more for both boys and girls. He was the original sponsor of the "Apple Bowl" football games between Fridley and Spring Lake Park. He helped support "Make A Wish" foundation through horseshoe pitching tournaments. Bob has also sponsored high school scholarships for over thirty years.

Bob, along with George Dean of Fridley, headed a volunteer group to paint over 1,200 fire hydrants in Fridley. (Bob and George painted about 800 of them by themselves.)

Bob reflects back on his life in Fridley, the tornados, the floods, the growth and development of the city, and the many customers and friends that he and his family have had and he is glad they chose Fridley to share their lives.