June 28, 1942 in Sioux Rapids, IA. She grew up and attended school there through her junior year in high school. At that time, she moved with her family to North Dakota. Merry was in the first graduating class from Sargent Central High School in 1960. On March 8, 1962 she was united in marriage with Harold M. Ruch in Webster, SD. They made their home on the Ruch family farm north of Webster, where they raised their three sons. Merry worked at the Sargent Manor as the Activities Director. She had a desire to become a nurse so when the opportunity became available she enrolled in a satellite program through SouthWest Vocational Center in Oakes, where the majority of the adult classes were held. Her training was done at the hospitals in Oakes and Lisbon. She graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse from NDSCS in the spring of 1965.

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