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NIAGARA, Wis. - Sylvia V. Buenting, 96, of Niagara died Friday, Oct. 11, 2002, at Maryhill Manor Nursing Home in Niagara.

She was born Jan. 13, 1906, in Belle Plaine, Wis., daughter of the late Walter and Mathilda (Kolberg) Vorpahl.

She married Rev. Peter Buenting on Oct. 4, 1927, at St. Martin Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine, where she was baptized and confirmed.

Along with her husband, Sylvia worked and served for 50 years in parishes in the Green Bay, Milwaukee, Fond du Lac and Appleton areas. Together they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 4, 1977. He preceded her in death in March of 1980.

Sylvia was a member of First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. She loved working in the churches, especially arranging the flowers.

She also enjoyed reading and traveling and being a caregiver.

Sylvia is survived by two sons, Rev. Harold (Patricia) Buenting of Toledo, Ohio, and Rev. Howard (Robert) Buenting of Shawano, Wis.; two daughters, Doloris Ruechel of Niagara, Wis., and Marilyn (Eugene) Becker of Niagara; 12 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Norman and Harvey Vorpahl; a sister, Loraine Vorpahl, and a son-in-law, Ralph Ruechel.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesday at the First Lutheran

Church in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Rev. Peter Jonas and Rev. Howard Buenting will officiate.

Burial will be at Highland Memorial Park in Appleton, Wis. There will be a service at 3 p.m. at Highland Memorial Park in the chapel.

The family of Sylvia Buenting would like to thank the staff at Maryhill Manor for their love and care of their mother.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain.