Lela "Patty" Emmert, 79, of North Liberty and formerly of Poweshiek County, died Thursday, May 17, 2018, at University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City.

Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell and her family will greet friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials may be designated to the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memorials and condolences may be shared with his family online at www.smithfh.com.

Lela Patricia Emmert was born May 2, 1939, at St. Francis Hospital in Grinnell. She was raised in Montezuma and she graduated from Montezuma High School in 1957, where she was a cheerleader and she also played the piano.

Patty was a nanny for many years. She enjoyed swimming, playing cards, going out to eat with her friends, and listening to classical music. She followed one of her great nieces, Kali Smith, in her speech activities and plays in Brooklyn.

Patty is survived by her brother, Dale Emmert, and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Patty was preceded in death by her parents Irene and Louie Emmert, daughter Michelle Dimatteo and her brother Dick Emmert.