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Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning 12 noon on Thursday and the family will be present at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday.

Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to the American Cancer Society.

Grinnell to Lester and Emma Graff Luttmann. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1953. Following her education she worked as a telephone operator for General Telephone Company in Grinnell.

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Lola was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Tama and the Sheridan Welcome In Club. She enjoyed dancing, playing cards, traveling throughout the United States and attending Iowa Hawkeye football games.

She is survived by two sons, Duane Simmons of Keller, Texas, and Jerry Simmons of Argyle, Texas; two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren; one sister, Doris Jones of Brooklyn; and several other relatives.

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