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A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 18, at the Westfield Cemetery near Grinnell.

Friends attending the graveside service are urged to meet at the Smith Funeral Home at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth was born on Oct. 17, 1916, in Grinnell to Leonard and Cora Selle Simmons. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1934.

In 1934, she moved to Chicago, and was later married to Harold Michel. While living in Chicago she worked as a cashier at a grocery store in her neighborhood until her retirement in 1981.

Ruth was a pioneer women aviator and maintained a pilot's license for many years. She enjoyed birds, cats and dogs and traveling to Florida and California.

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