



Charles Dale Castle, son of John Henry (Link) and Alice Aldrich Castle, was born on August 13, 1920, in Shenandoah, Iowa, and passed away, Tuesday, September 25, 2001, in Shenandoah. Dale was a lifelong resident and graduated from Shenandoah High School with the Class of 1939. Dale began his long military career when he enlisted in the Iowa National Guard in 1937 and was called into Active Military Service with Company E, 168th Inf. 34th Division of the Iowa National Guard. Dale served at Camp Claiborne, LA., in 1941. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the Declaration of World War II, one platoon from Co. E. 168th was transferred to Co. E. 133rd Inf. and sent to Ft. Dix, New Jersey. The 133rd Inf. was the first unit to be sent to Europe (Ireland) in 1942. In 1943 Co. E. 133rd Inf. was sent to Algiers, North Africa, where they served as Honor Guard for General Eisenhower's Headquarters. Later in 1944, the 133rd Inf. was sent to Italy where they participated in the Liberation of Rome, the Rome-Arno campaign and the North Apennines Campaign. Dale was rotated to the U. S. in July 1944 and received an Honorable Discharge in 1945. Dale received many major awards and decorations including the Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, European Theater Medal, American Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. On April 20, 1945, Dale was united in marriage with Helen Connell in Angola, New York. They made their home in Shenandoah. After World War II, Dale was employed with the Iowa National Guard in Shenandoah serving as Administrative Assistant until his retirement in 1980, following 39 years of service. Dale's National Guard military career was something of a Castle family tradition. Dale's grandfather, George H. Castle, joined the unit in 1878 and served as unit commander. Twenty-five years later George H. Castle was awarded the first-known 15-year National Guard service ring. His grandson was the next member to receive the 15-year ring. Dale's father, John H., three brothers, Jay, Rex and Wayne, three uncles, and his son Dennis were also members of the guard. Dale's superiors and subordinates alike respected him. All who served with him during World War II and the Iowa National Guard after the war will miss him. Dale was a member of the AmVets, American Legion, VFW, Twenty-Two Hunting Club, 34th Infantry Division Association, Shenandoah Cemetery Board and the Veteran's Memorial Chapel Board. He was instrumental in establishing the Veteran's Memorial Chapel at Rose Hill. He enjoyed, hunting, fishing, woodworking, cooking, gardening and interacting with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Wayne Castle, and a sister Vivian Seelie Doke. He is survived by his wife Helen Castle of Shenandoah, children, Dennis Castle and his wife Marilyn of Lake Mills, Iowa, Diane Hunter and her husband Brian of Council Bluffs, Iowa, grandchildren, Becky Vaught and husband Jeremy of Rochester, Minnesota, Ryan and Amanda Castle of Lake Mills, Iowa, Jill and Breanne Hunter of Council Bluffs, two brothers, Jay Castle and his wife Ruth and Rex Castle and his wife Alma, other relatives and many friends.