

## Obituary

Jay Eldon Castle, son of John Henry (Link) and Alice Aldrich Castle, was born on October 29, 1921, in Shenandoah, Iowa, and passed away on August 6, 2002, in Pensacola, Florida. He was 80 years of age. Jay graduated from Shenandoah High School with the Class of 1940. He was united in marriage to Ruth M. Sherwood on July 3, 1952, in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He enlisted in the Army National Guard in August of 1939 and was called to military service on February 10, 1941, with Company E. 168th Infantry, 34th Division in Shenandoah. Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the Declaration of World War II in December of 1941, one platoon from Company E, the 168th Infantry, was transferred to Company E 133rd Infantry Regiment and was sent to Fort Dix, New Jersey, and was the first unit to be sent to Europe (Ireland) in February of 1942. Jay returned to the United States in October of 1942 to attend Infantry Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon completion of Officers Candidate School he was assigned to the European Theater of Operations and participated in the invasion of France. While in Europe Jay served with the 29th, 276th and 310th Infantry Regiments. Jay was wounded in action in Europe in 1945. At the end of the war he was discharged from the Army in October of 1945. He re-entered the military service in 1946, serving in the Korean War. In the 1950's he received the Korean Service Medal and Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. Jay attended the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1953. During his military career he was awarded many awards and citations including The Armed Forces Reserve Medal, The Combat Infantryman's Badge with Star, The Bronze Star Medal with Cluster, United Nations Service Medal, The National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, The Legion of Merit and the Purple Heart. Jay served his country for over twenty nine years and retired from the United States Army in 1969 with the rank of Colonel. Following Jay's military career they resided in Shenandoah. In 1981 he and Ruth moved to Fort Walton Beach, Florida, where they made their home. Jay enjoyed hunting, fishing and golfing. Jay was an accomplished skier, which also had been part of his military training. Preceding Jay in death were his parents, his wife Ruth on April 21, 2002, three brothers, Wayne, Rex and Dale Castle and a sister, Vivian Seelie Doke.