



**Byford  
Dale**  
*Army*

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**Nov 17, 1921 - Jan 15, 1991**

**BIRTHPLACE: Macon County, IL**

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### **SOLDIER DETAILS**

**DIVISION: Army, Medical Supply**

**THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific**

**SERVED: Aug 8, 1942 - Jan 27, 1946**

**HONORED BY: His children, Bruce, Janice and  
Judy**

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

Byford Dale, who was born on November 17, 1921, grew up in Mount Vernon, Illinois. Shortly after graduation from High School, he enlisted into the Army on August 8, 1942 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He spent 14 months in the South Pacific as a Staff Sergeant for the 62nd Medical Base where he was awarded the bronze star. He never discussed many of the details of his time in the South Pacific, but all knew he was proud to have served his country. He was discharged from the Army on January 27, 1946. He returned to Mount Vernon, Illinois and on May 12th he married Lucille Bruce. They had three children, Bruce Dale, Janice Kretzer, and Judy Reynolds. Mr. Dale worked for 45 years as a salesman for the L.B. Price Mercantile Company. Mr. Dale was very involved in his church, his community, and his children. He was a terrific father and grandfather. He died on January 15, 1991.