

Dayle Edmond Bates, the third of six children of Ellen Rosalee Didelot and Claude Alexander Bates, was born April 8, 1917 in Clearmont, Sheridan County, Wyoming.

He graduated from Clearmont High School in 1936. Dayle was working at the local gas station and living at home when he was drafted into the U.S. Army in February, 1941 at age 23. He had basic training at Fort Smith, Arkansas before being sent to Bisbee, Arizona with the Army's 14th Horse Cavalry to patrol the American-Mexican border. Dayle was then transferred to the Army's 40th Engineers' Unit where he served as a demolition expert for the duration of World War II. He was sent to North Africa after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, and followed the campaign into Sicily, Italy and Germany. He fought at the Battle of the Bulge and helped to liberate Dachau concentration camp near Munich, Germany. Dayle was wounded in action but refused the Purple Heart. During the war, he was hospitalized twelve different times with lung problems and pneumonia in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Germany.

On September 1, 1945, Dayle was discharged from the Army. He married Gladys Marian Brocklebank on September 24, 1945, in Las Vegas, Nevada. They moved back to Clearmont before moving to California in January, 1946.

Dayle and Gladys had three children: Lawrence Alan (born October 18, 1946), and twins Phyllis Gayle and Phillip Dayle (born June 21, 1950).

After working for the U.S. Post Office for 32 years, Dayle retired in 1978. Gladys passed away December 14, 1988 in Fullerton, Orange County, California.