

## **Louis Stephen Csoka Obituary**

Mr. Louis "Lajos" Stephen Csoka passed away peacefully at home on March 27, 2026. Louis was born in Budapest, Hungary on August 20, 1941 and emigrated to the United States with his family in 1952. He lived an exemplary life in which he dedicated himself to service to his nation and his fellow man. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1965 upon which he was commissioned as an infantry officer. A combat veteran and a bona fide hero, Louis embodied the West Point motto "Duty, Honor, Country". He touched so many in extraordinary ways. His Love of life and his passionate soul guided him in all he did, as an officer in the United States Army and beyond; it carried him on to amazing accomplishments. Louis was truly a renaissance man; a soldier, warrior, leader, adviser, musician, athlete, provider, husband, father, comedian, and liver of life. His loss will be felt for years to come and he will be sorely missed. He leaves behind his sister, Julie, four children; Tracy and husband Tim; Christa, Nancy, and Matthew; three grandchildren, Connor, Dylan, and Kaitlyn and a great-grandchild, Easton.

**Silver Star:** [Vietnam War](#)

**Service:** United States Army

**Rank:** Captain (Infantry)

**Battalion:** 3d Battalion

**Regiment:** 47th Infantry Regiment

**Division:** 9th Infantry Division

**Action Date:** June 1, 1968

**Headquarters, 9th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 11445 (December 20, 1968)**

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918 (amended by an act of July 25, 1963), takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Captain (Infantry) Louis Stephen Csoka (ASN: )F-104691), United States Army, for gallantry in action involving close combat against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Captain Csoka distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 1 June 1968 while serving as Commanding Officer of Company E, 3d Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, on a reconnaissance in force mission in Sa Doc Province. While his company was moving through a heavily vegetated area at night, they came under an enemy ambush. Captain Csoka, disregarding his own safety, exposed himself to the intense hostile fire as he moved among his men, positioning them to effectively counter the enemy attack. Realizing the point element had not contact with the main body of the company and was in danger of establishing crossfire over

part of their own unit, Captain Csoka courageously moved through the barrage and directed their fire against the enemy positions. He then crawled to within 20 meters of a hostile emplacement and destroyed it with a hand grenade. Returning to the main body of his company, he led his men on an assault which routed the enemy. Captain Csoka's extraordinary heroism in close combat against an armed hostile force is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 9th Infantry Division, and the United States Army.