



Fmr. Chief John Gilbert Offord

October 7, 1939 - October 18, 2025

Former Chief John Gilbert Offord

Former Chief of Police John Gilbert Offord, a dedicated public servant and respected leader of the Town of Washington Police Department, passed away on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at the age of 86.

Former Chief Offord led the department with distinction, fostering initiatives in public safety, community outreach, and officer development. His leadership was instrumental in building stronger relationships between law enforcement and the community, emphasizing trust, accountability and service.

A celebration of Former Chief Offord's life will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Greater Shiloh Baptist Church in Opelousas, LA.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation on Friday, October 31, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Williams Funeral Home. Visitation will continue Saturday, November 1, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Greater Shiloh Baptist Church, until the time of service.

The service will be lovingly officiated by Rev. Harnsberry and burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Washington, LA.

John married Ruby Lee Coleman on April 6, 1975. Together, they lovingly raised her children and built a beautiful, blended family filled with love and devotion.

Former Chief Offord leaves behind a loving family who will forever cherish his memory. He is survived by his five sons, John P. Offord (Barbara) of Breaux Bridge, LA, Jessie Offord of Opelousas, LA, James Coleman of Washington, LA, Anthony Coleman, Sr. (Harnetta) and Darrel Offord (Loretta) both of Opelousas, LA. He is also remembered with love by his five daughters, Pam Offord, Bridget Gibson both of Opelousas, LA, Linda C. Williams of Lafayette, LA, Dianh Mason (Tyrone) of Jacksonville, FL and Annie Ruth Coleman of Seattle, WA.

He is further survived by his four brothers — Charles Johnson, Bobby Johnson, Gary Offord, all of Opelousas, LA and Allen Offord of Seattle, WA — and eight sisters, Barbara Johnson, Linda Johnson, Shelia Homes (Charles) all of Opelousas, LA, along with Georgia Offord, Verna Dean Offord, Jackie Williams, Gloria Offord and Connie Offord all of Seattle, WA.

Former Chief Offord's legacy also lives on through his two godchildren, Joe Ann Johnson and Elisa Renee Emebo Roy; twenty-two grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and a large circle of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. He will also be deeply missed by the men and women of the Town of Washington Police Department, who had the privilege of serving under his dedicated leadership.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mrs. Ruby Lee Coleman Offord; his devoted parents, Maggie Montgomery Johnson and Simon Offord, Sr.; two cherished sons, Carl Dwayne Offord and Alvin Charles Coleman; and four dear siblings, Clara West, David Lee Johnson, Henry Alfred Johnson, and Simon Offord, Jr.

Former Chief Offord's dedication to duty, leadership, and service will never be forgotten.

The family of Former Chief Offord invites friends, colleagues, and community members to share words of comfort, memories, and expressions of sympathy at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net.

Funeral arrangements have been lovingly entrusted to the compassionate staff of Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas (337-942-2037).

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

Washington, LA 70589

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 5:00 PM (CT)

Williams Funeral Home - Opelousas
817 East South St.
Opelousas, LA 70571
(337) 942-2037
williamsfuneralhomes.1932@gmail.com
<https://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net/>

Visitation

NOV **1**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Greater Shiloh baptist Church
217 LA-10
Opelousas, LA 70570
(337) 826-7919

Celebration of Life

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Richard Mizzi lit a candle in memory of John Offord*



Richard Mizzi - December 18, 2025 at 10:49 PM



“ *Lord have mercy rest up uncle John kiss everyone for me. You always greeted and showed me Love I love you unk. Shicka* 💜 *J*

Shicka Johnson - November 01, 2025 at 04:45 AM

JD

“ *Jeñnifer Dixon lit a candle in memory of John Offord*



Jeñnifer Dixon - October 31, 2025 at 08:33 PM

LG

“ *Linda Mingo Gibson lit a candle in memory of John Offord*



Linda Mingo Gibson - October 31, 2025 at 06:39 PM

BT

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. May the Lord bless you and give you strength during your bereavement.*



Barbara W. Thomas - October 30, 2025 at 12:30 PM

AB

“ *Audry Batiste lit a candle in memory of John Offord*



Audry Batiste - October 30, 2025 at 09:15 AM

ED

“ *Our Heartfelt Prayers go out to the Offord Family. May God's blessings and strength continue to prop up this Family in this difficult time*



Ervin Dominick - October 30, 2025 at 08:12 AM

SD

“ On behalf of the Hicks family we share in your loss. Know that God will comfort each of you doing this difficult time. As , your we cannot begin to imagine the sorrow that you are feeling, but God makes no mistakes. He loves the best and my cousin John had a heart and compassion for all mankind. It is such an honor be connected to a friend, cousin that exemplified God character. Rest in Paradise John for God is waiting for your arrival. He has certainly welcomed you in. The Community of Washington, family and other friends knew that God Blessed us with jewelry 🙏 ✨ 🤝



Your, Hicks Family and Offord
Your cousin Savannah Greer
and Rose Robinson

Sharon Davis - October 30, 2025 at 01:10 AM

JF

“ Johnnie Fontenot sent a virtual gift in memory of John Offord



Johnnie Fontenot - October 29, 2025 at 11:56 PM

JF

“ Johnnie Fontenot lit a candle in memory of John Offord



Johnnie Fontenot - October 29, 2025 at 11:54 PM

ST

“ Shantia Tatman sent a virtual gift in memory of John Offord



Shantia Tatman - October 29, 2025 at 09:12 PM

ST

“ Shantia Tatman lit a candle in memory of John Offord



Shantia Tatman - October 29, 2025 at 09:10 PM

LN

“ PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH.JOHN GEE AS WE CALLED HIM WAS A BEAUTIFUL SOUL.HE AND MY MOM USED TO GET AT EACH OTHER AND SETTLE OVER COFFEE.REST IN PEACE CUZZIN.

Lola neal - October 29, 2025 at 07:03 PM

LR

“ Sending heartfelt prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Chief Offord...



LILLIAN RIDEAUX-SAVOY - October 29, 2025 at 04:57 PM

KR

“ *Kendra Rubin sent a virtual gift in memory of John Offord*



Kendra Rubin - October 29, 2025 at 02:32 PM

FS

“ *Fred Singleton lit a candle in memory of John Offord*



Fred Singleton - October 28, 2025 at 09:14 PM

GS

“ *A candle was lit in his honor. May the perpetual light continue to shine.*



Georgia Harris Stevens - October 28, 2025 at 08:00 PM

SS

“ *My heartfelt condolences and sincere sympathy to the family and friends. He was a great man with a loving heart. Gone bit will never be forgotten. Rest in eternal peace.*



Sandra Smith - October 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM

JM

“ Jackie and Kent Montgomery purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Fmr. Chief John Gilbert Offord.



Jackie and Kent Montgomery - October 28, 2025 at 01:35 AM

SP

“ Shala Rene Pickney lit a candle in memory of John Offord



Shala Rene Pickney - October 27, 2025 at 09:51 PM

MS

“ To The Sisters and Brothers, Children and Grandchildren, Stepchildren and Step Grandchildren: ON BEHALF OF HERMAN. AND BEATRICE OFFORD FAMILY! OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND UNIFIED SORROW IN THIS TIME OF LOSS. YOU ALL ARE. IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS! OUR STRENGTH IS IN GOD AND TRUST AND BELIEVE OUR FATHER RECEIVED HIM OF HIMSELF! 🙏💖



Maxie Offord Sam - October 27, 2025 at 09:23 PM

AR

“ My condolences to the family. His presence will definitely be missed. His leadership was remarkable. RIP Mr. John Offord.



Annette Rosette - October 27, 2025 at 04:32 PM

RF

“ Sending my Deepest Sympathy and Prayers to the Family! So sorry for your Family loss! Chief John Offord will definitely be missed! R.I.P Chief John Offord 🙏🙏



Rita Pickens & Family - October 27, 2025 at 04:28 PM

KA

My deepest sympathy to the family for your lost.

Kenneth W. Andrus - October 28, 2025 at 04:03 PM

MZ

“ Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Zachery sent a virtual gift in memory of John Offord



Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Zachery - October 27, 2025 at 02:36 PM

JS

“ *Jennie Simon lit a candle in memory of John Offord*



Jennie Simon - October 27, 2025 at 11:41 AM

SB

“ *Sandra K. Brown lit a candle in memory of John Offord*



Sandra K. Brown - October 27, 2025 at 11:23 AM