



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-111**

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***FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF  
FORMER SENATOR LOUIS JOSEPH LAMBERT, JR.***

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**WHEREAS**, Louis Joseph Lambert, Jr., former Louisiana Senator, Public Service Commissioner, and gubernatorial candidate passed away on September 27, 2025, following a lifetime of service to the people of Louisiana;

**WHEREAS**, he was born in Deridder, Louisiana, on December 21, 1940, to Louis J. Lambert, Sr., and Roberta Lambert;

**WHEREAS**, he was married to Mary Smith Lambert for 59 years. They adopted three children from Catholic Social Services: Jessica Lambert, John Lambert, and Michael Lambert;

**WHEREAS**, as a young man, he attained the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America;

**WHEREAS**, his academic excellence in civics earned him the opportunity to serve as a page in the Louisiana State Legislature;

**WHEREAS**, he served as a page in the United States Congress and graduated from the Page School at the top of his class in 1958;

**WHEREAS**, he was a graduate of Louisiana State University and Loyola University College of Law;

**WHEREAS**, in 1968 he established his own law practice in Gonzales, dedicating himself to the needs of his community;

**WHEREAS**, the people of Louisiana elected him to the Louisiana Legislature in 1972, where he also served as a delegate at the Louisiana Constitutional Convention of 1973;

**WHEREAS**, in 1974 he secured a seat on the Public Service Commission, serving with distinction for 18 years;

**WHEREAS**, he ran for governor in 1979 in what is considered the closest gubernatorial race in contemporary Louisiana history;

**WHEREAS**, in 1994 he returned to the Louisiana State Senate, where he served as President Pro Tempore from 2000 to 2004, championing both his district and the state's technical college system by authoring legislation that established River Parishes Community College. During this time, he also chaired the Senate Environmental Committee, fostering collaboration among legislators to improve Louisiana;

**WHEREAS**, his dedication to higher education led to his appointment to the LSU Board of Supervisors;

**WHEREAS**, his long record of public service was recognized in 2024 with his induction into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame;

**WHEREAS**, he passionately served as a voice for his constituents and as a mentor of many young and aspiring lawyers and politicians;

**WHEREAS**, he was known for being a devout Catholic and a fighter, who credited his survival of three previous bouts of cancer to his faith and trust in God;

**WHEREAS**, beyond his professional accomplishments, he remained deeply devoted to his family, keeping them at the heart of his life;

**WHEREAS**, his principles of good governance will continue to serve as a model for future generations;

**WHEREAS**, he was predeceased by his father Louis J. Lambert, Sr., his mother Roberta Lambert, his brother Billy Lambert, and his grandson Hunter Louis Lambert;

**WHEREAS**, he is survived by his beloved wife Mary, his sister Edana Sparcino, his three children Jessica, John, and Michael; and his three grandchildren Hayze, Kaleb, and Alexander Lambert;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Louisiana is indebted to him for his decades of leadership and enduring contributions;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: As an expression of respect and to honor Louis Joseph Lambert, Jr., the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol and all state buildings from sunrise until sunset on October 3, 2025.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset,  
October 3, 2025.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand  
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of  
Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
of October 2025.

  
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Jeff Landry  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE

  
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Nancy Landry  
SECRETARY OF STATE