

HUGH LAWSON SHEARER

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MAY 18, 1923: Born in Martha Brae, Trewlany

1931-1940: Attended Falmouth Primary School

1936-1940: Attended St. Simon's College

1941-46: Journalist at the Jamaican Worker Newspaper

1953: Island supervisor B.I.T.U

1955-59: Member of the House of Representatives

1960: Vice president of B.I.T.U

1961: Instrumental in the campaign to decide whether Jamaica should remain in the West Indies Federation or seek independence

1962-1967: Member of Legislative Council, Deputy Chief of Mission for Jamaica to the United Nations General Assembly

1966: Member of Jamaican delegation at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers Conference

1967-1993: Member of Parliament, Southern Clarendon

1967-1972: Prime Minister of Jamaica

1972-1974: Leader of the Opposition

1972: Returned to Trade Union Movement

1977: President of B.I.T.U

1980-89: Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Industry and Commerce

1992: Chairman of the Joint Trade Union Research Development Centre

1993: Founder and patron of the Association of Senior Citizens Clubs

1994: President, Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions

1998: Married Dr. Denise Eldemire