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A light shower of rain greeted the newly-wed couple of Hugh Lawson Shearer, former prime minister of Jamaica and head of the Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions, and Denise Eldemire, chairman of the National Council for the Aged, as they emerged from the East Queen Street Baptist Church in Kingston where they had earlier exchanged vows yesterday morning.

A small gathering of family and friends of the couple and close trade union colleagues, including vice-presidents of the Bustamante Industrial Trade Union, Dwight Nelson and Ruddy Spencer witnessed the ceremony.

The first-time bride wore a simple cream rayon skirt suit accented with small beads. Her hair was held in place with a rosette, from which dropped curls and beads of pearl.

She carried a small bouquet of white roses, carnations and baby's breath. There were similar floral arrangements decorating the pews as well as the altar.

The 75-year-old Shearer who was walking down the aisle for the second time was dressed in a light grey suit, and looked quite relaxed.

After the couple had signed the marriage register, Shearer's son, Lance, quipped to the BITU's Nelson: "Don't look so nervous man, you're not going to lose him."

Best man was advertising executive, Arnold Foote, while Dr Eldemire's sister, Jane, stood by her sister. Dr Herbert Eldemire, a former minister of health in the Jamaica Labour Party government of the 1960s, was the give-away father. The ceremony was presided over by the Rev J J Williams. The bride's mother, Buntie Eldemire, was also at the ceremony which had about 20 guests.

The reception was held at Foote's residence at Shenstone Drive in St Andrew.