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Ex-CIA Spy Is Married in Yale Chapel

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 3 (AP)—John Downey, the Central Intelligence Agency agent who was released in 1973 after 20 years in a Chinese prison, married Audrey Lee, a Chinese native, in a private ceremony today at Yale University.

Neither spoke to reporters who were not permitted inside St. Thomas More Chapel, but the couple smiled as they left.

Mrs. Downey, a research associate in molecular biophysics and biochemistry, said she was born on mainland China and met Downey, 44, in New Haven.

A family member said Downey, a 1951 Yale graduate from New Britain, Conn., met his future wife while he was studying law at Yale during the summer of 1973, several months after his release.

Downey was employed by the CIA in Korea when his plane was shot down over Communist territory in 1952.

He was released March 11, 1973, after lengthy negotiations, which included a plea that his mother, Mary V. Downey, had suffered a stroke and the revelation by President Nixon that Downey had been employed by the CIA.