

Michael D'Mello

Registrar of Cemeteries, Toronto, Ontario



Brief Bio:

Born in Bombay, India. Schooling - St. Mary's High School, Hubli, India

Immigrated to Canada in 1971.

Michael attended Stephen Leacock Collegiate in Scarborough and the University of Toronto. He joined the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force in 1976. After a successful 10 year career he resigned to pursue Real Estate sales. In 1987, he got his Real Estate Broker's Licence.

In 1994, Michael was hired by the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations to investigate real estate agents licensed under the Real Estate and Business Brokers Act. He subsequently conducted investigations related to various other regulated sectors – motor vehicle dealers, collection agencies and bailiffs as well. In 2001, he accepted an interim appointment as Registrar under the *Cemeteries Act (Revised)* and eventually competed for and won a permanent position as Registrar.

In his current appointment as Registrar under the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*, he is responsible for the regulation and licensing of 5177 registered cemeteries and 62 crematoriums operated by 2430 cemetery/crematorium operators with 515 licensed sales representatives. Michael works with the Registrar, Board of Funeral Services, and with cemetery and crematorium stakeholders and consumer groups to provide consumer protection and ensure a fair marketplace for the bereavement sector .

As Registrar he also administers the legislation related to cemetery closures, abandoned cemeteries and the discovery and disposition of burial site discoveries. In this capacity he deals with a wide variety of issues related to Aboriginal as well as Euro-Canadian burial grounds. Making “public interest” determinations and publically sensitive decisions is a constant requirement of his job. The Registrar's decision can be appealed to the Licence Appeal Tribunal.

Cemetery and crematorium regulation includes interaction with most religious organizations, First Nation communities, police, coroners, MPP's, mayors and CAO's of various municipalities, Provincial and Federal Ministries and Heritage and Historical Societies. Responding to media enquiries is a constant demand. The Registrar also consults with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Natural Resources to ensure burial site discoveries are handled appropriately and that cemeteries are preserved, protected and respected as Canadian Heritage Sites.

Michael is married to June (nee Gomes) (Nairobi, Kenya) and has 3 children: Bianca, Jules-Michael and Max. Lives in Maple, Ontario, a suburb of Toronto, Canada.

Parents:

George Anthony D'Mello – Born 23 June 1914, Died 11 June 2007

Sybil Mary D'Mello – Born 10 April 1921, Died 14 December 2012

Paternal Grandparents:

Francis Xavier D'Mello – Born – Nerul, Goa

Bemvinda Sequeira – Born - Mapusa

Paternal Great Grand Parents

Diego Joaquim

Esperanza Braganca
