



Paang Bundok, as the *Cementerio Del Norte* (now the Manila North Cemetery) was once called, was Rizal's choice for his final resting place. In an undated letter to his family, Jose Rizal willed the following:

“Dear parents, brothers, sisters: Give thanks to God who has kept me tranquil, before my death... Bury me in the earth, put a stone on top, and a cross. My name, the date of my birth, and that of my death. Nothing more. If later you should wish to surround my grave with a fence, you can do it. No anniversary celebrations! I prefer *‘Paang Bundok’*.”

Rizal did not get his dying wish, and remains to this day the most immortalized Filipino. His parents, and most of his siblings were initially interred in the same cemetery.