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goin' to graceland

Interested in exploring the eternal resting place of some of the biggest names in Chicago history? Then add a visit to **Graceland Cemetery** to your Chicago agenda. Built in 1860, Graceland's bewitching grounds hold some of the most beautiful, eerie and quirky gravesites in the world. From the decadent tomb of retail magnate Marshall Field to the simple, but stylish, headstone of architect Mies van der Rohe (whose "less is more" design philosophy literally followed him to his grave), this cemetery is a must-visit for both architecture and afterlife aficionados. Prominent citizens, politicians and even motorcycle gang leaders—including Papa Snake, whose tombstone boldly boasts a skull and crossbones—are all part of the roster of extraordinary souls resting in the cemetery's 119 acres of

peace. Two of the most popular tombs for visitors are Dexter Graves' menacing angel of death (appropriately titled *Eternal Silence*; pictured above) and William Kimball's limestone monument, which frames a faceless angel. For those who are hooked on getting spooked, take a tour through the cemetery's winding grounds on select Sundays with the Chicago Architecture Foundation (log onto www.architecture.org or call 312-922-3432 for tour times and prices). The spooktacular tours offer tall tales of the supernatural, including Inez Clark's grave mystery (her statue has been known to "disappear" on occasion) and intriguing stories behind crypt creators like architect Louis Sullivan and sculptor Lorado Taft. Be sure to pack some garlic for your trip, just in case.—*Elio Iannacci* **IN!**