

Recurring Characters

ACOSTA

Grace: older sister to Tommy; David Wheeler's high school sweetheart; plans to attend Highpointe College upon graduation; babysits for the Scanlons

Iris: mother to Grace and Tommy with husband, Kevin

Kevin: professor at Highpointe College

Tommy: became friends with Nicole Nash and David Wheeler while an in-patient at Mercy Hospital

Alistair: butler at Rosemont for over fifty years, now a friendly ghost who lives in the attic

John Allen: veterinarian and owner of Westbury Animal Hospital, Maggie Martin's husband, adopted grandfather to baby Julia and twins Sophie and Sarah

Anita Archer: owner of Archer's Bridal

Kevin Baxter: member of Highpointe College Board of Trustees

Marc Benson: partner of Alex Scanlon, musician

Nigel Blythe: owner of Blythe Rare Books in London, bought books stolen from Highpointe College Library, poisoned Hazel Harrington, attempted to kill Sunday Sloan and Anthony Plume

Harriet and Larry Burman: owners of Burman Jewelers

Jeff Carson: Widower; former wife, Millie, died 3 years ago; son Jason and daughter-in-law Sharon; grandchildren Tyler and Talia; cares about animal shelter; mother, Alma, uncle, William Olsson

Charlotte: owner of Candy Alley Candy Shop

DELGADO BROTHERS: involved in scheme to embezzle money from the Westbury Town Workers' Pension Fund

Chuck: former Westbury town councilmember; owner of D's Liquor and Convenience Store

Ron: investment advisor and CPA; married to William Wheeler's sister

FITZPATRICK

Laura: owner of Laura's Bakery; mother of one with husband, Pete

Pete: owner of Pete's Bistro, a popular lunch spot for Westbury town councilmembers

Gloria Harper: resident of Fairview Terraces, married to Glenn Vaughn, acts as surrogate grandmother to David Wheeler

Hazel Harrington: deceased rare-book librarian at Highpointe College, poisoned by Nigel Blythe

Robert Harris: rare-book librarian at Cambridge University, friend to Sunday Sloan

Frank Haynes: repentant crony of the Delgados, Westbury town councilmember, owner of Haynes Enterprises (holding company of fast food restaurants), founder and principal funder of Forever Friends dog rescue, grandson of Hector Martin, married to Loretta Nash, father of twins Bonnie and Branson

HOLMES

George: emcee of the annual Easter Carnival, father of three with wife, Tonya

Tonya: Westbury town councilmember; close friend of Maggie Martin

Russell Isaac: Westbury town councilmember, inherited auto parts business, former acting mayor of Westbury, involved in scheme to of Delgado brothers

Lyla Kershaw: works in accounting department at Highpointe College Library; close friend of Sunday Sloan; birth mother of Josh Newlon

Tim Knudsen: realtor, Westbury town councilmember, married to Nancy, grandfather to Zack

Ian Lawry: former president of Highpointe College

Ingrid: Haynes family nanny, former pediatric ICU nurse

Juan: veterinary technician at Westbury Animal Hospital

MARTIN

Amy: Maggie Martin's daughter-in-law; mother to twins, Sophie and Sarah, with husband, Mike Martin

Hector and Silas: deceased town patriarchs; Silas (Hector's father) amassed a fortune from the local sawmill, real estate, and other ventures and built the Rosemont estate; Hector donated his rare book collection to Highpointe College and left his estate to his living heirs—grandnephew, Paul Martin, and grandson, Frank Haynes (Frank's father was Hector's illegitimate son)

Maggie: current owner of Rosemont and president of Highpointe College; widow of Paul Martin; former forensic accountant and mayor of Westbury; married to John Allen; mother to

Mike Martin and Susan (Martin) Scanlon; grandmother to Julia Scanlon and twins, Sophie and Sarah Martin

Mike: Maggie Martin's adult son, lives in California with wife, Amy, and twin daughters, Sophie and Sarah

Paul: Maggie Martin's first husband, deceased; embezzled funds while president of Windsor College; father of Susan (Martin) Scanlon and Mike Martin; had an affair with Loretta Nash and fathered Nicole Nash

Sophie and Sarah: twin daughters of Amy and Mike Martin; close friends of Marissa Nash; Maggie Martin's granddaughter

Mary: single mother who is the administrative assistant at Haynes Enterprises

Gordon Mortimer: antiques dealer and appraiser

NASH

Loretta: current financial analyst at Haynes Enterprises; married to Frank Haynes; mother to Marissa, Sean, and Nicole, with baby number four on the way; former mistress of Paul Martin

Marissa, Nicole, Sean: Loretta's children, adopted by stepfather, Frank Haynes; Marissa (oldest) babysits for the Scanlons and is friends with Maggie Martin's twin granddaughters; Nicole (youngest) received a kidney from Susan Scanlon after it was discovered that they had the same father, Paul Martin; Sean works as David Wheeler's apprentice at Forever Friends and the animal hospital

Bonnie and Branson: Frank and Loretta's twins

Josh Newlon: Maggie Martin's administrative assistant; Lyla Kershaw's birth son; Sunday Sloan's boyfriend

PARKER

Sherry and Neil: Sherry is the new veterinarian at Westbury Animal Hospital and her husband, Neil, is a graduate of The Warton School

Anthony Plume: professor and dean of English Literature at Highpointe College; stole rare books from the college library and sold them to Nigel Blythe

Jack Rodriguez: David Wheeler's landlord in California

SCANLON

Aaron: orthopedic surgeon; married to Maggie's daughter, Susan; father to baby Julia; brother to Alex

Alex: attorney who succeeds Maggie Martin as mayor of Westbury; partner of Marc Benson

Julia: infant daughter of Susan and Aaron Scanlon; Maggie Martin's granddaughter

Susan (née Martin): Maggie Martin's adult daughter; attorney works at brother-in-law Alex's firm; helped Josh Newlon find his birth mother; nearly died donating kidney to stepsister, Nicole Nash

Sunday Sloan: rare-book librarian at Highpointe College; friend of Lyla Kershaw; Josh Newlon's girlfriend

Forest Smith: attorney at Stetson & Graham; assigned to assist Alex Scanlon; died in a suspicious fall off a bridge

Bill Stetson: partner at Stetson & Graham, Westbury's outside law firm

Chief Andrew (Andy) Thomas: Westbury's chief of police

Joan and Sam Torres: wife and husband; Maggie Martin's close friends, who befriended her on her first day in Westbury; Joan works as a police dispatcher, Sam as a handyman

Lyndon Upton: professor of finance at University of Chicago, former colleague of Maggie Martin's; volunteered to help with Westbury's embezzlement case

Glenn Vaughn: resident of Fairview Terraces; married to Gloria Harper; acts as surrogate grandfather to David Wheeler

WHEELER

David: works with therapy dogs; helps at Forever Friends and Westbury Animal Hospital; son of William and Jackie Wheeler; Grace Acosta's boyfriend

Jackie: wife of disgraced former mayor William Wheeler; mother to David

William: former mayor of Westbury convicted for fraud and embezzlement; committed suicide in prison; father to David and husband to Jackie

Yolanda and Malcolm Yates: Malcolm is president of a college and was a colleague of Paul Martin. Yolanda is his wife.

Judy Young: business-savvy owner of Celebrations Gift Shop and town gossip; close friend of Maggie Martin; maiden name Jorgenson