

## CHARACTERS - WALNUT RIDGE

**JULIANO** – Also in her 50s but still putting out some effort to keep her figure and looks. Hair colored but not orange or forklift yellow, only adds enough of the natural color to cover the gray. Has not been made bitter by the downside of life.

**DONNA** - Brassy, drugstore blonde. Used to live with Skunk in Walnut Valley. She is one of those women who would not hesitate to smack her kids around while standing in line at the social services office. Fortunately for all involved, she has no children.

**BONNIE & LONNIE** - These two are brother and sister, possibly twins. They are large people and dress alike in truck driver jeans, T-shirts and vests. Keys and wallets on long chains, trucker boots and similar haircuts and ball caps. Each one has been given half of what it takes to get by in this world, but each one has also been given the other.

**GLORIA** – 60s. Not unlike Brenda from The Valley but, having been married to Hubba, she is more realistic and sarcastic. Emotional; quick to temper and tears, alligator tears but tears none the less

**RAY DON** - Juliano's son, mid-to-late twenties, divorced. Suburban cowboy look but has never been on a horse or seen a cow close up. Most likely works in a plumbing supply store or behind the counter at NAPA. Ray Don never has a kind word for anybody or anything.

### NEUTRAL CHARACTERS

**RUTHIE** - Clerk at the Quick Pick - Because of her central location behind the counter in the Quick Pick, Ruthie has more of a big-picture view than the others. Although not old, her job has allowed her to acquire the wisdom of a bartender. Ruthie also begins the narrative.

**OFFICER** - Deputy, Texas Ranger wannabe, boots, big hat and all.