

Cathy Shumway



Cathy had more boyfriends than Mary had cleansers. Her first (on the show) was a dumb as dishwater Armenian bartender. Her second was deaf and a different kind of dumb, voiceless, Steve. Cathy then was engaged to Dennis Foley—while he dated Roberta Walashak and pined for Mary. Cathy had relationship after relationship over the series' run, and got pregnant eventually.

She had had a marriage proposal from Clete Meisenheimer (local newscaster played by Michael Lembeck), but when Clete found out that the baby was not his, she became an adoptive mother-to-be.

Cathy got sick, and not the morning kind, and needed a kidney transplant. Donor Barth Gimble (Garth's twin) made the sacrifice.

As you might guess, Cathy could never hold a job, and was fired from a stint as a waitress at the Capri Lounge, from a massage parlor (she swears that she did not know it was that kind of establishment), and from the local television station.

Although Cathy was Mary's younger sister, she was infinitely more wordy, and consistently derided Mary for Mary's prosaic sex life. Still, she looked up to Mary and often came to her for advice.

Cathy was played by Debralee Scott.

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