

Tom Hartman



Tom Hartman was infuriating. He loved Mary, but he “showed” it by not having sex with her (generally due to impotence), having an affair with a co-worker at the plant (Mae Olinsky as played by Salome Jens), staying out all night, getting drunk, and pretty much messing up Mary’s life.

Tom worked at the plant in Fernwood with Charlie Haggars and Mary’s father, George Shumway (Phil Bruns). He was decidedly blue-collar, which was a first for U.S. soap operas, even if this one was a satire.

Tom seemed to never have grown beyond his high-school years. He wore his letter jacket and baseball cap as symbols of that time period.

Tom had several dalliances with other women. The first was the afore-mentioned Mae, and later there was CB aficionado Annie “Tippy Toes” Wylie, played by Gloria DeHaven.

Eventually, Mary had had enough of Tom and left him for Dennis Foley, of the Fernwood police force.

Tom was played by Greg Mullavey.

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