



Dominic Corea

Corea was a native of Cleveland, Ohio, born there November 22, 1916. He served in the US Army in India and Burma during World War II as a Postal Clerk. After the war, Corea returned to his trade as a carpenter working for several local builders in the Cleveland area. In 1952 he married Anna “Nina” Catizone of Catanzaro, Italy.

In the late 1950s, Corea and his family moved to California. He worked at the City of Hope as a plant carpenter foreman from 1961 to 1968.

In 1968, Dominic embarked on a second career when he and his wife Anna purchased Roma D’ Italia restaurant located in Old Town Tustin. Though never a resident of Tustin, he was a community fixture who worked daily at Roma until his retirement in the 1980s. His daughters and grandchildren continue to operate the business today.

Dominic’s personality became legend to hungry locals. Corea had a reputation as a fiery and vocal sparkplug. Addressing the Tustin City Council in September 1973, he asked, “How can the council dictate what color to put on a sign? We hung Mussolini.” *The Tustin News* September 20, 1973

Dominic passed away October 2, 1993, and is interred at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Orange, California.

