Monique Marie Louise Aleck was born on February 24, 1927 in Rouen, France to Jean Andre & Simone Poulain of France. Monique passed away peacefully on July 8, 2014 in Oroville, California. She lived in Dijon and Vichy as a child, then in Nice just before WWII. Monique met her husband to be, during the Liberation of Nice, France in late August 1944. After a torrid exchange of letters and the ending of the war, they married on June 30, 1945. A Liberty Ship brought her to America and a year later they settled in Oroville. They had 7 children from 1947 to 1966. When the children were in school she worked for several years in the banking commerce, then later in retail. Mom’s first passion was her family and friends, then cooking. She and Dad were members of the Gourmet Club, even holding the office of President, she was well known for her delicious French influenced meals even when cooking Greek fare. Her hobbies included playing bridge, knitting, crocheting, devouring novels, and enjoying get togethers with family and friends, most notably the Kumles, Lanes, Theveos, Rogers, Drueckers and more. After she lost, Johnny, just shy of their 54th wedding anniversary, she turned her attention and volunteered at St. Thomas School. She loved being with the children and even earned the President’s award for achieving 500 hours of volunteer service. When her health started to decline Mom became a resident at Prestige Assisted Living. The ladies who worked there, Korey, Judy, Krystle, Marlene, Kathi, Della, Ana, Robin and many more, fell in love with Mom and took her under their special care.

Monique is survived by her sons, Johnny Jr., Gregg, and Marc and daughters Marianne Aleck and Stephanie Cole. She is also survived by her sister, Colette Huston, and niece Trish Huston, Grandchildren include, Leesah-Alec Young, Christine Aleck, Victoria Nicholes, Eric Waterbury, Devin Waterbury, Chantel Waterbury, Benjamin Aleck, Christopher Aleck, Jillian Wright, and Jordan Wright, and nine great grandchildren. She also has other nieces and nephews in the surrounding Oroville area. She is preceded in death by her husband Johnny Gus Aleck, daughters Christiane Aleck, and Michelle Aleck Waterbury.