



Hero Remembered After Death

Mrs. Earline Cawthorne, of Culver City, Calif., is shown recently as she received the Silver Star and Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters awarded posthumously to her husband, 2nd Lt. William B. Cawthorne, formerly of Durham, who was killed when his helicopter was shot down in Viet Nam last June 30. Making the presentation is Col. Mark Brennan, post commander of Ft. MacArthur, Calif. The Silver Star citation said Cawthorne, commander of an Army helicopter, maneuvered it to protect another unarmed helicopter and, though mortally wounded, saved his copilot when his helicopter crashed and burned. A Distinguished Flying Cross also was awarded posthumously to Cawthorne for a previous flight under fire when he saved the lives of nine wounded Vietnamese soldiers. Cawthorne was born in Durham and attended Hillandale School before his parents moved to California.