My name is Heather Vance, and I am the wife of Douglas Vance. For nearly 2 decades, Douglas has been my husband, my partner, my best friend and the person I believed I would grow old beside. We built a life together centered around our family, our children and our grandchildren and through years of hard work, love, laughter, challenges and countless memories. Through every season of life, we faced it together.

Since Douglas has been incarcerated, that life has changed in ways that are difficult to put into words.

There is an emptiness in our family that never goes away. Douglas is missing birthdays, holidays, family dinners, ordinary conversations, and all of the little moments most people never realize are precious until someone they love is no longer there to share them. Our children have had to live without their dad physically present in their lives, and our grandchildren are growing up with their papaw behind prison walls. One of our youngest grandchildren has never even had the opportunity to meet him in person.

For me losing my husband from our everyday life has meant learning how to carry responsibilites we once carried together. I work, take care of what needs taken care of at home, support our family, advocate for Douglas and continue fighting for his freedom. Some days are harder than others, but giving up on my husband has never been an option.

The hardest part is knowing the man I love, knowing his heart and his character and knowing how firmly he has maintained his innocence from the very beginning and still not being heard. I have watched him lose years of his life while continuing to stand by the truth of what really happened and as his wife that has been incredibly painful to carry alongside him.

Our family believes deeply that Douglas's conviction and 174-month sentence do not reflect the truth of his role or the evidence that proves his innocence or has come to light. We have spent years gathering records, reading transcripts, searching through documents, and

trying to make people understand that there is far more to his case than a conviction on a piece of paper. Important evidence supporting Douglas's innocence was never properly placed before the jury and that serious issues surrounding his trial and sentence deserve to be recognized.

Through everything Douglas has endured, prison has not changed the heart of the man I love and married. He continues to work, help others stay out of trouble, hold tightly to his faith and remain connected to his family. Even from miles and miles away, he still tries to be the best husband, father and grandfather in every way that he can.

Then, on January 22, 2026 Douglas suffered a stroke while incarcerated. That moment brought a different kind of fear into our lives. It reminded me in the most painful way that time is something none of us are promised. Every year that passes is another year we can not get back.

I don't want our grandchildren's memories of their Papaw to be telephone calls and stories about the man waiting to come home. I want them to know him. I want them to sit beside him, laugh with him, learn from him and make memories with him. I want our children to have their father back. And after all these years, I want the simple privilege of having my husband beside me again.

We are asking that his case be seen fully - including the evidence, the disputed issues surrounding his conviction, the severity of his sentence, the man he was before prison, the man he has remained while incarcerated and the family that continues waiting and fighting for him.

President Trump, I am asking you personally, as Douglas's wife to please grant him a presidential pardon!

You have the constitutional authority to correct an injust when the Courts have not. I pray that you will use that authority for my husband and give him the opportunity to come home to the family that loves him and has never stopped fighting for him.

We cannot recover the years that have already been lost. But you have the power to change what happens with the years we still have ahead of us.

Please Bring my husband home!

Douglas Vance
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With faith and hope,
Heather Vance
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