

'Duck Dynasty' Family Gives Update on Phil Robertson's Health

"Duck Dynasty" patriarch Phil Robertson's health is rapidly declining, according to a recent update from his son Jase Robertson, who hosts the podcast, "Unashamed with the Robertson Family."

"[I'll] tell you the truth," Jase Robertson said, "it hasn't been good."

The focus, the younger Robertson explained, is on making sure he's comfortable and providing the best possible care to the 78-year-old Phil Robertson, who, according his son Willie Robertson, was diagnosed in December with a blood disorder, a fractured vertebrae, and signs of Alzheimer's disease.

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Jase Robertson said in a previous interview doctors likened the blood disorder to a form of cancer.

As Phil Robertson's decline has continued, Jase Robertson said he's becoming increasingly transparent with family and friends about his father's health.

"I'm just giving the blunt truth," he said. "I'll say, 'Not good.' We're making them comfortable and we're doing the best we can. So I think that's just what you do."

Willie Robertson, for his part, explained their father has struggled to maintain a healthy appetite, explaining he often cooks hamburgers and crawfish in hopes of cajoling his dad into eating.

Their mother, Kay Robertson, is beginning to show signs of recovery after a recent hospitalization from an infection stemming from a fall. Her case, of course, put additional stress on the Robertson family.

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Initially, they believed the family matriarch might not recover. Jase Robertson admitted, "We were kinda dealing with the fact that maybe this is it." But her health is now improving.

"For my mom, it's been a lot better this past week, because she was really not doing good," Jase Robertson said on the podcast. "She got an infection from a fall, from a cut that had happened earlier. ... She's still in the hospital, but [now it's] more rehab, physically, and trying to get her to eat."

Phil Robertson has been a cultural phenom since 2012, when he made his debut as a key star of the A&E reality TV series, "Duck Dynasty," following the Robertson family. The elder Robertson has a reputation for boldly sharing the Gospel.

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