

Rush Limbaugh Announces He Has Advanced Lung Cancer: 'I Have a Deeply Personal Relationship With God'

Conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh told his 20 million-member audience Monday that he's been diagnosed with advanced lung cancer.

Fox News reports Limbaugh, 69, said he will take some days off for further medical tests and to determine treatment but hopes to return soon.

"This day has been one of the most difficult days in recent memory, for me, because I've known this moment was coming," Limbaugh said. "I'm sure that you all know by now that I really don't like talking about myself, and I don't like making things about me... one thing that I know, that has happened over the 31-plus years of this program is that there has been an incredible bond that had developed between all of you and me."

The radio host then told his listeners that his job has provided him with the "greatest satisfaction and happiness" of his life.

"So, I have to tell you something today that I wish I didn't have to tell you. It's a struggle for me because I had to inform my staff earlier today," he said. "I can't help but feel that I'm letting everybody down. The upshot is that I have been diagnosed with advanced lung cancer."

Limbaugh called himself the "mayor of Realville" in announcing his illness. He'd been experiencing shortness of breath that he initially thought might be heart-related but turned out to

be a pulmonary malignancy.

“I told the staff today that I have a deeply personal relationship with God that I do not proselytize about, but I do, and I have been working that relationship tremendously,” Limbaugh said. “I am, at the moment, experiencing zero symptoms.”

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