Sally Field's brother Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones have separated in what could spell the end of their nearly 13-year marriage, People magazine reported yesterday, and a representative for Zeta-Jones confirmed the separation. Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones are one of Hollywood's most high-profile couples, but their marriage was not without its struggles.

Douglas, 71, and Zeta-Jones, 45, met in 1998 after starring in the film "Basic Instinct" together. They got married in 2000 and have two children, son Dylan, 12, and daughter Carys, 9. Zeta-Jones was previously married to actor Michael Douglas, who has had a long career in Hollywood, and was diagnosed with throat cancer in 2010.

According to People, the couple had been living apart for several months before the announcement of their separation. A source told the magazine that "The stress has taken a toll on their relationship." Zeta-Jones, who won an Academy Award for her role in "Shine," has struggled with health issues in recent months and has been treated for bipolar disorder.

"They're taking a break. 'They're doing what they need to do to take care of themselves," a source told People. "This is nothing unexpected. They've been living separate lives for a while."

Neither Zeta-Jones nor Douglas have commented on the separation, but friends have said the couple is taking the news "in stride." The couple has been together for nearly 15 years and has two children together.

In a statement, Zeta-Jones' representative said, "We would like to confirm that yesterday's reports regarding the separation of Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones are accurate. The couple remains committed to their family and to classy living."