
Who Are Kobe Bryant's Kids, Parents & Family Members?

Though retired after an illustrious 20-year career, the five-time NBA champion's stats off the court just keep on growing. Kobe Bryant's kids and wife make the nuclear Bryant family a tribe of six. With such a household, the Los Angeles Lakers legend is almost qualified to have his very own basketball team!

Since his retirement, Kobe Bryant's kids and wife have continued to garner attention even more than his celebrated athletic career. The former NBA star's tribe has always been his inspiration. Hence, Kobe is now better focused on his family and better committed to doing his job as a father. Here's all you should know about the five-time NBA champion's growing family.

Who Are His Parents & Family Members?

The older generation would perhaps be familiar with details about Kobe Bryant's parents and siblings. The Los Angeles Lakers legend who has deep roots in the game is the only son of three children born to Joe and Pam Bryant. Kobe's 6'9" father was probably born for the sport. Though Joe was not as famous as his son, he was also a basketball star and a good parent. He helped steer Kobe towards his career path and even after retiring from professional play, Joe continued to impact knowledge and invest in young talents as a coach.

On the other hand, Kobe's mom is the sister of famous NBA star Chubby Cox. His two older sisters are Sharia Bryant-Washington (who is also an athlete) and Shaya Bryant-Tabb. Though Kobe was apparently the baby of the house while growing up, he had a strained relationship with his parents and sisters at the earlier part of his adult life.

Who Are Kobe Bryant's Kids and Wife?

Kobe Bryant's kids are the product of his longtime marriage with Vanessa Laine. Originally known as Vanessa Cornejo Urbieto, Kobe's wife is a Latin-American model with Mexican roots. The celebrity couple's love goes way back to their young adult days. Bryant met his wife while she was still a teenager and a high school student.

Though the lovebirds have been married since 2001, their love journey has had its own share of tough times. For instance, one of the reasons Bryant has a troubled relationship with his mom is because she did not initially approve of his Latin wife, Vanessa. Pam considered the brunette beauty too young and non-African-American. Despite that and other public controversies, Kobe and Vanessa have remained inseparable for nearly two decades and have since been expanding their family line.

It takes just one look at Kobe Bryant's kids for anyone to understand why the basketball legend is considered successful both professionally and personally. Kobe and Vanessa Bryant became parents for the first time in January 2003 when their first daughter Natalia Diamante (whose second name means "diamond") was born.

Natalia enjoyed the privileges of an only child for about four years before her younger sister

Gianna Maria-Onore came along. Bryant's second princess who was born on May 1, 2007, seems to be the child who inherited the five-time NBA champion's athletic genes and talent. Going by her Bryant's social media posts, Gianna whose retired father now coaches her school's basketball team may be the offspring to carry on Bryant's career legacy.

The retired NBA star became a father of three in December 2016 when his third daughter Bianka Bella joined the family. Interestingly, unlike her older sisters, Bianka who arrived just the year before her father's retirement may have enjoyed some certain privileges. This is because her dad now has more time to spend with the family while she grows up.

Bryant's latest family member Capri Kobe arrived in June 2019. The five-time NBA champion's fourth princess whose name uniquely pays tribute to her famous father is fondly called Koko. Capri's arrival means that Kobe remains the only man in the Bryant household, at least for now. Though one daughter short of an all-female starting five, it wouldn't be out of place if Bryant decides to start his own basketball team.

Even with four kids, the Los Angeles Lakers legend has hinted that he and his wife may still have another child. Though the celebrity is comfortable having only girls and doesn't mind being outnumbered, he claims Vanessa wants a boy more than he does. While he hopes to deliver on that, Kobe says the decision for another child is Vanessa's to make. Contrary to the popular opinion that it takes a real man to make a boy, Kobe Bryant believes it takes a king to make a princess.

Since retiring in April 2016, the five-time NBA champion's life hasn't slowed down much but he is more on family and work. Following his retirement, Kobe has been busy with family vacations, business ventures, and coaching. Though no longer active in the NBA, Bryant who enjoys coaching his daughter Gianna's youth basketball team is still obsessed with winning.

While trying to reconnect with his family, Bryant is also hard at work establishing roots as an author and businessman. In addition to his own media production studio and investments in BodyArmor, the retired NBA star won an Oscar in 2018 for his animated short film, Dear Basketball. As an author, he's penned at least two books, The Wizenard Series: Training Camp, as well as The Legacy and The Queen, which was inspired by tennis champion Serena Williams.