
Who Was Kobe Bryant?

Kobe Bryant was and still is a worldwide known NBA Player to several people all over the world. In fact, Kobe Bryant wasn't just an NBA Player, he was much more. A father, a husband, a loved one, a mentor, an idol and a hero. Kobe Bryant was an American professional basketball player who helped lead the NBA team, Los Angeles Lakers win 5 championships. Kobe stayed loyal to his city (LA) and played for the Los Angeles Lakers for 20 years. Unfortunately, Kobe Bryant, his daughter (Gianna Bryant) and 7 others passed away in a helicopter crash in Calabasas, California.

Kobe's Heroic Deeds

Kobe Bryant has many heroic deeds, whether it was on the court or off. He has helped many other basketball players, mentoring them, helping them or even giving them advice. Kobe would happily meet his fans, either signing things for them, talking to them or even helping them. Kobe had met many children with life-threatening illnesses that had wished to see him and of course, he made their wish come true.

He also loved to give back to the community, doing a variety of charity work over the years. Kobe had appeared for a non-profit organisation called Make-A-Wish for over 100 times for more than 20 years. That wasn't the only charity work he did, basketball was also a part of it. Kobe volunteered for the Boys and Girls Club of America where he usually hosted basketball camps. It doesn't stop there, Kobe Bryant also decided to participate in the league's NBA Cares initiatives. This was where he contributed to stocking food pantries, supported in reading initiatives, helped build homes and even basketball courts.

Kobe was also the official spokesman for After-School All-Stars which is a national children's charity. They provide after-school programs to more than 72,000 kids. In 2008, Kobe was named a spokesman for an organisation called Aid Still Required which helps people affected by natural disasters and other types of crisis. Besides his work with Make-A-Wish, Kobe also supported cancer organisations/initiatives. One example of this is when he participated in an effort to fundraise money for Stand Up To Cancer in 2012, the money raised was more than \$80 million dollars which was used for cancer research. Kobe has also helped others in financial problems, mental problems and physical problems. Most of this wasn't spilled on the media, remaining as a secret.

Kobe Bryant has done countless amounts of charity work and this is only just a small portion of his heroic deeds. The reason Kobe has done so much charity work is that some people in America don't have what we most of us have. They never had the opportunity to fulfil their dreams, they don't have a roof over their head and they don't have any food or water. Kobe just had a very large passion for helping others and didn't just help those who wanted something, but those who needed something.

Why Kobe Bryant's A Hero

Kobe Bryant is considered a hero to several people across the world because of numerous

reasons, charity work, personality, kindness and his dedication to basketball. Kobe Bryant is known as one of the most hard working, dedicated sports player ever and this allowed Kobe to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to 5 championships. Although Kobe was a busy person, having 4 children to take care of, he stayed loyal to and gave it his all for the LA Lakers for 20 years. This created a mass amount of respect for Kobe and many people think of Kobe as the person they want to live up to.

Kobe's Media Representation

Kobe's media representation has had its ups and downs in the past. In 2003, Kobe was accused of rape when a 19-year-old woman accused him of raping her in his hotel room. However, there was no resolution, nor was there a verdict. Therefore the case was dropped by Prosecutors just before the case was scheduled to go into the trial because of the accuser's reluctance to testify. There are many different opinions about this case or the way Kobe Bryant has been represented in the media, but ever since Kobe's death there have been hundreds of headlines, articles, news stories, etc stating what happened and how Kobe died. Many of which tells information which is clearly false and not true at all. Kobe has had some rough spots over his time, but he's found a way through it. These rough spots consist of bad/false media representation, accusations, etc but Kobe has the "mamba mentality" and always finds a way through rough times.

Kobe Bryant will forever have a place in our heart, his personality like no other, his hard work like no other, his mentality like no other, the list goes on and on. Although Kobe passed away, his work, stories and love for basketball will be continued on with generations to come.