

## Kobe Bryant



2020 was a year filled with many tragic and detrimental events. Above all of those events, Kobe Bryant's passing is definitely the most tragic to me. Although never being a fan, or even ever watching a full basketball game in my life, when I heard the news about Kobe's helicopter crashing it forced sympathy out of me.

It made me think to myself, "Wow that's crazy...such a huge figure not only of basketball but of our world just gone like that." He's become so much of a legend that I even find myself saying his name when shooting a crumpled up paper into my trash bin.

There are many very excellent black basketball players of course, and the fact that we chose to say Kobe's name whenever trying to make any sort of longshot truly displays the excelling excellence of this man. I hope his legacy will never die and continues to thrive throughout our generations and becomes a mark in the hall of fame of catch phrases.

I admire how he was able to defy any insecurity or judgment for being black yet one of the greatest. He served nothing but positivity and justice for the world and put on such an unbelievably amazing show for everyone to watch and love. I figured what better tribute to pay to the black prophet than on Martin Luther King's day, another one of the most inspirational black people to walk the Earth. Thank you for your service Kobe, and may you rest in peace.