

# **NTSB reveals likely cause of helicopter crash that killed Kobe Bryant**

**The recently retired Los Angeles Lakers superstar was just 41 when he was killed a little more than one year ago.**

A helicopter pilots " spatial orientation " played a key role in the crash that killed Kobe Bryant, his daughter and several friends last year, federal authorities said Tuesday.

The 41-year-old Las Angeles Lakers icon, Gianna Bryant, 13, and seven others died on a cloudy Jan. 26 morning near the Southern California coast when their Sikorsky S-76B helicopter slammed into a hillside in Calabasas, *stunning* the sports and basketball worlds.  
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