

GREATER

The True Story of Brandon Burlsworth

(September 20, 1976 – April 28, 1999)

Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.
Job 33:12

FACTS ABOUT BRANDON

- Baptized at 11 by pastor Rick Watts of the First Assembly, Harrison, AR.
- Active and faithful in church youth, Saturday services, bus ministry, etc.
- He graduated Harrison High School in 1994 as All-State football player.
- He turned down scholarships from smaller schools to walk on at UARK.
- Uncoordinated and heavy, he applied himself like few football players.
- After redshirting at 300 soft, went to 260 hard, built back to 300 hard.
- As a sophomore he earned a scholarship to start 34 consecutive games.
- Brandon testified a Rick Watts' sermon from Phil 4:13 motivated him.
- When asked, "What's the secret?" he showed a Bible without a word.
- Before his junior season in 1997 he was chosen to be a team captain.
- He was 1st team All-SEC in 97, 98; he was All-SEC Honor Roll every year.
- He was the first UARK player in ten years to be first team All American.
- He was first UARK player to get a master's degree before his last game.
- He was voted greatest walk-on of the BCS era (Bleacher Report; 2013).
- At NFL Combine: fastest O-lineman (4.88), 28 reps, crushed interviews.
- He went 63rd overall (3rd round) in 1999 NFL draft to Indianapolis Colts.
- Bill Polian of the Colts has testified he would have started his first year.
- UARK HC Houston Nutt said Brandon had revolutionized his own life.
- *Do it the Burls Way ... do it the right way, even when no one is looking.*

LESSONS FROM HIS LIFE & DEATH

**Live By the Rules No Matter What
Humility to Admit Any Mistake
Win Favor of Others by Character
Leadership by Zeal and Example
Power of Mother & Brother Love
Trust God No Matter the Event**

**Hard Work Can Trump Natural Gifts
Trust Authority to Fully Obey Them
No Fear of Peers or Their Approval
Dedication to Practice until Perfect
Honor Both Good and Bad Parents
Resist the Devil and He Will Flee**

Our loss is great, but God is greater.

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