It took 13 years but as of March of this year, Rondale and Cheryl Brishaber became part owners of Hughes-Taylor Funeral Home.

Rondale said he started working at the funeral home during his sophomore year of high school after he started dating his wife Cheryl.

He said he decided during his senior year that working in the funeral business was a respectable profession and he decided he would go to get an associates degree.

That's what he did.

For years, Rondale and Cheryl wanted to get involved in an ownership capacity, but her father, Dewayne Taylor, was reluctant to sell a share of the home.

Until recently when he decided the time had come.

Job one for the Brishabers was to start renovating both the Salem and Borden locations.

Borden was first and the project, which is estimated to cost more than $100,000. It is nearing completion and in order to show off the new-look, Hughes-Taylor will host an open house on Sunday, Sept. 16 in Borden.

Anyone who has been in the funeral home in the past, likely won't recognize it. Several walls were removed and new carpet and paint give the old house a new feel.

New siding on the outside was also part of the renovation.

The open house in Borden will be from 2-4 p.m. The home is located at 225 W Main St

Borden, Indiana 47106.

With the renovation project complete one would think rest is in the future, but they have already begun the project at Hughes-Taylor in Salem, which is also expected to cost more than $150,000.

Brishaber, who also works as County Coroner in Washington County, said they are planning another open house at the Salem location when they project is complete.

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They are also on-line at www.hughestaylor.net.