

# Boyd-Born Funeral Home Launches Major Renovation with New Prep Room

MARION, OH— **Boyd-Born Funeral Home**, a well-established presence in the funeral service community of Marion, traces its roots back to LaRue, OH, where **William Clarence Boyd** opened a furniture and mortuary business in 1922. In 1927, the business was relocated to Marion.

Today the family is well underway with an expansive renovation project to preserve the Victorian style funeral home and carriage house. The first step in the modernization began with



**New Preparation Room for Boyd-Born Funeral Home**

the construction of an embalming room housed in a new structure separate from the funeral home proper.

**Vickie McClellan**, Vice-President, selected **Duncan Stuart Todd, Ltd** to design and equip the new workspace, her main goal being to provide a safe and efficient environment with an emphasis on air quality. “A major challenge, understandably,” she said, “was to carry on with our work while construction was taking place.”

The new two-station preparation room with dressing room is complete with a full complement of foot-end equipment, custom cabinetry, body lift and accessories.

**Vice-President Vickie McClellan (Right)** admires the new prep room with **Alyse Morgason, Funeral Director and Embalmer**.

Installation of the PrepAir HVAC system assured Ms. McClellan that ventilation in the room would meet OSHA mandates for safe air and produce a comfortable and odor-free atmosphere year-round.

In addition to the preparation room, the new building contains a bathroom, break room, cooler and two-car garage. A separate floor was added for casket storage.

Late in the summer, a grand opening will be held to celebrate the completion of the total project which melds the old with the new. The Queen Anne style interior design has been preserved while accommodating today’s technology including Wi-Fi, a state-of-the-art sound system and webcasting capabilities. A hospitality room, banquet hall, additional bathrooms, and an elevator round out the upgrades. The facility will be fully ADA compliant.

Boyd-Born Funeral Home is owned and managed by family members including **Carole Boyd**, owner; **Larry Born**, manager; **Vickie McClellan**, vice-president; and **Michael McClellan, Marcus McClellan** and **Cheryl Grimes**. All are active in various civic and church activities.

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