## Life's third act earns singer Judith Whitmore a standing ovation in Studio City





Singer/novelist/pilot (and mom) Judith Whitmore recently hit the stage at Vitello's in Studio City.

Judith Whitmore had a lifelong dream, and she made that dream a reality Sunday night in Studio City. The evening was magical.

Playing to a packed house, her first-ever solo performance was a hit. Whitmore did not disappoint; her voice was lovely, clear and strong as she chronicled her life story sprinkling it with songs. Her segues were effortless; each piece a perfect fit. Her anecdotes were fun, and her tributes, including one to her friend, the late singer John Denver, and to her children and husband, were tear evoking. When her brother, Billy, joined her onstage, we could feel the love.

Whitmore's passion for life is contagious and her sense of adventure inspiring. Sunday's audience seemed to be drinking in the energy. The songs were classic hits and mostly familiar favorites and earned her a standing ovation.

Whitmore has created a fascinating life for herself, so hearing her story was a joy: a Capitol Records studio singer at just 19, a theatre producer, jet pilot, best- selling author, clinical psychologist and wife and mother. She and her brother and a friend, Lynn, formed a trio, Act 3, playing at such venues as Carnegie Hall and the Ritz in Paris.

This current chapter in the life of Whitmore is the one that was put on a shelf when she had her children (her greatest achievement). But she never gave up on her dream of being a singer, and, for that, we are grateful.