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Hi, my name is Lori Jurgensmier. I live in Fond Du Lac, WI with my husband and have 3 beautiful daughters and a granddaughter. I work as an RNFA at a local hospital.

I learned how to swim properly about 17 years ago when I completed a few triathlons. Swimming was definitely my favorite part, and I have continued to swim for fitness since then.

I have always been fascinated with the Great Lakes and grew up fishing with my Grandpa on Lake Michigan. I didn't see Lake Superior until 5 years ago and I was in awe. I became familiar with her shipwreck history, especially the Edmund Fitzgerald. It's still so unbelievable that such a huge ship could sink in modern times in a "lake."

When I saw this opportunity to participate in this swim, I invited some friends to join me. I stepped up my training and day after day became faster and more efficient in the water.

I am very grateful to have participated and completed this historic event. I am proud to have helped preserve the lighthouse at Whitefish Point and memorialize the 29 souls aboard the Edmund Fitzgerald 50 years ago.