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María Amelia López family  
Reino de España  
<http://amis95.blogspot.com/>

Dear María Amelia López family,

On behalf of the Information and Communication Technology for All Club, please know our hearts are filled with sadness at your loss of María Amelia López. We cannot imagine the pain you feel now but we wanted to let you know that our loving thoughts are with you.

Your dearest María Amelia López was more than an elderly blogger, she was an IT role model for elderly people. Although great distance separated us, she was always close to us in cyberspace.

María Amelia López was an inspiration to the older population to improve their quality of life with modern technology. We shall follow in her footsteps in promoting the use of computers and the internet to improve the quality of life of elderly people.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Coordinator of ICT for All Club,  
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**María Amelia López**  
COMMUNICATING WITH others "wakes up the brain," María Amelia López explained in one of the last entries in her acclaimed online journal, [amis95.blogspot.com](http://amis95.blogspot.com). The name roughly translates as "my 95 years." That was how old López—who died May 20 at 97—was when she began posting on the blog

that her grandson created as a birthday gift. At an age when some elderly women might unwittingly put a floppy disc into a CD drive, López became a worldwide Internet sensation, reaching more than 1.5 million far-flung readers from the comfort of her

seaside hometown in Spain. Like any doting nonagenarian, López sang the praises of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. But she also recalled her opposition to Francisco Franco's authoritarian regime and grappled with contemporary political debates ranging from Basque separatism to Iran's nuclear ambitions. Her ingenuity and lively writing won her a sit-down in 2008 with Spanish Prime Minister José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero. Her biggest impact, though, lay in the example she set. She showed that the Web was not just for the young but for anyone interested in "[interacting] with the world." For López, [amis95](http://amis95) was a way to communicate with her *blogueros*, the readers who flocked to it in droves—and made her last two years the most connected of her life.  
—BY FRANCES ROMERO

RON: YONKAP/AP; ROH WAVING: YONKAP/FEUTERS; LÓPEZ: BEE/ZUMA; GORDON: GREGARIO BUNYA—ARCAUS; MICKEY MOUSE: VINCENT YU—AP; ALMINE: WALT DISNEY CO.—AP; GREEN: MARK HUMPHREY—AP

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