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LEGENDARY LADIES Of LINCOLN

*Carolyn
V.
Atkins*

Dr. Carolyn V. Atkins was born September 21, 1930, in Saint Louis, Missouri. She received a BA in Criminal Justice from Morgan State University, Masters Degrees from Washington University and the University of Central Missouri and a PhD in Criminal Justice from St. Louis University.

In 1971, she was employed by the Missouri Department of Corrections as Superintendent of the Tipton Correctional Center for Women in Tipton, Missouri. Dr. Atkins was the first African-American to serve as a warden for the State of Missouri.

In 1985, Dr. Atkins joined the faculty of Lincoln University in Jefferson City as an Assistant Professor Criminal Justice, retiring in 2002 as a tenured full Professor of Criminal Justice.

Dr. Atkins passed away in 2012 in Jefferson City, MO

